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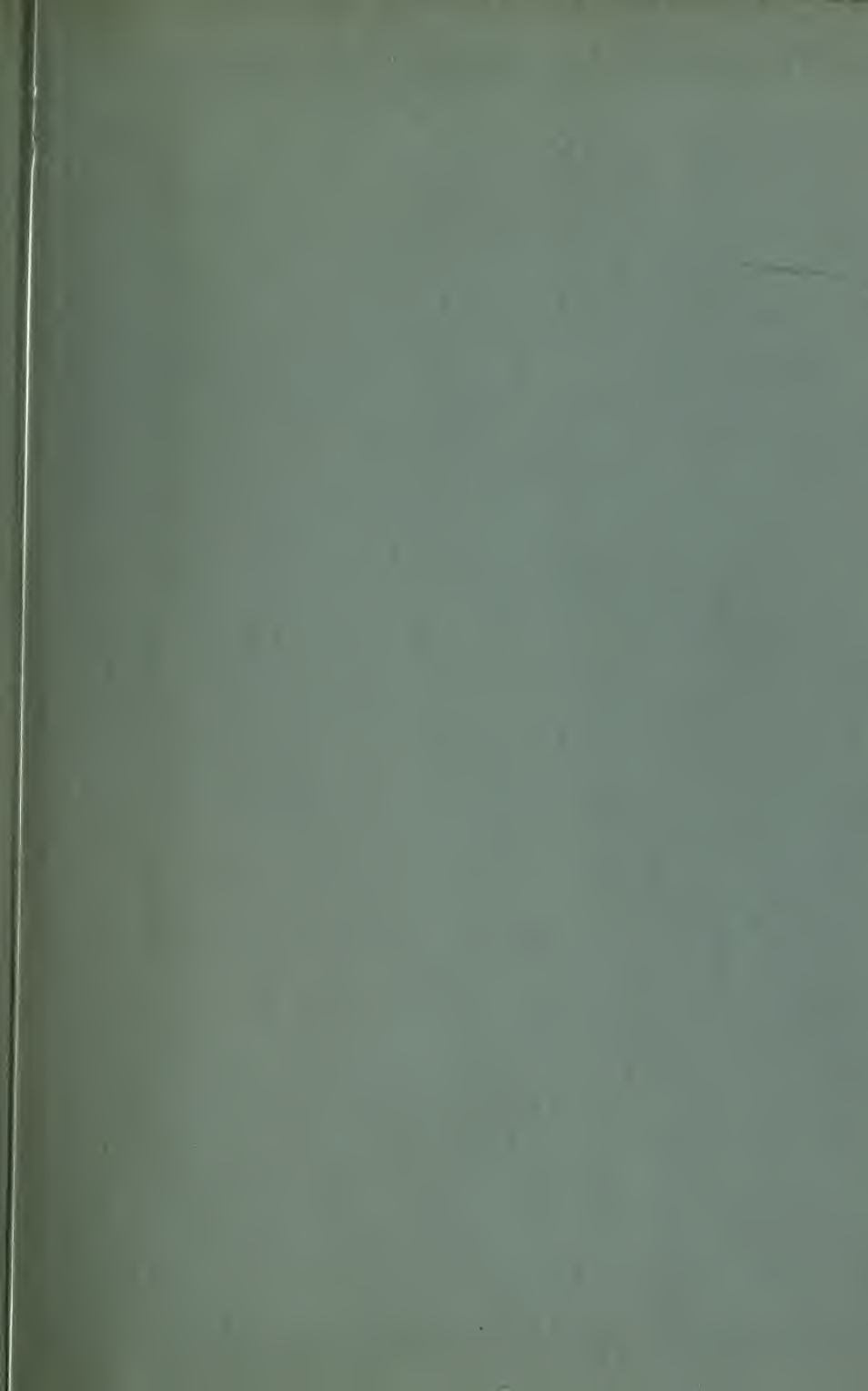


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of fact and fancy, designed primarily for the DELECTATION of
those who live within the Shadow of the *Bulfinch* dome, but
one which may be used with Profit and Pleasure by
dwellers in the outer Darkness of Cambridge, Somerville,
Chelsea, Newton, and even more OUT-
LANDISH PLACES, the whole compiled
in a most Prim and Scholarly fashion

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This Almanac is a guide to the city of Boston and its surrounding areas. It contains information on the history, geography, and culture of the region. It also provides a list of the city's major institutions, including its schools, hospitals, and government agencies. The Almanac is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the city of Boston.

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Excuse it, please . . .

The Almanack cannot prophesy with certainty the dates of many events in 1939 for which sponsors have made, as we go to press, only tentative plans. It would be advisable to verify times and places, either in the newspapers or through the organizations concerned.

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STUFF AND NONSENSE

Somehow the impression has got about that Bostonians are a bit on the old-fashioned side. We, gentle reader, we your Almanackers, admit the charge, even affirm it complacently. We *prefer* the Boston skyline, we delight in our desultory streets, and there's a celestial aura emanating from the Watch and Ward Society that sanctifies our baser life. Swing, the Lambeth Walk, the curl-it-up-on-top coiffure—we have these, too, albeit against our better judgment; and when it comes to saying the Boston mind, like the Back Bay hat, is an anachronism—well, a joke's a joke, but let's talk things over. Now in Maine or Vermont—

A reiterated phrase brought on this mood of introspection. "O tempora! O mores!" There's a motto for an Almanack, there's even a one-line review of it for a lazy critic. It turned out, in fact to be a theme-song, for the merriest Almanacker who whistled as he worked—after he'd finished the morning paper—found his tune slowing to the dirge tempo and the Latin rhythm.

The times and customs, in this late summer of 1938, would steal the smile from any Hebe's lips—or was it cheeks?—and even Puck would cease his capers. Delving into the lore of bygone years, we decided that we old-fashioned duffers can take our escape literature as straight as Paul Bunyan took his whiskey. We invite you, therefore, to consider the amiable follies of other days and the pleasing peccadilloes of our forebears. We shall remind you, too, of your engagements for the year—to meet the spring at Arnold Arboretum; to say it with—well, a check will do nicely—on Christmas and Commencement Days, not to mention March 15th in case you're doing better this year.

In an Almanack, bits broken off from time are jumbled about in a kaleidoscope pattern; we can arrange them for you to suit our humor. But time, alas, forms also a pattern of its own, known as the seasons, and about these we can do nothing save to warn you that Mark Twain was right. Since William Blackstone first rode his shivering bull across the "Comon Feilde" Bostonians have been weather-conscious—and the weather keeps right on hitting new highs and new lows any old time at all. It even throws in a tropical hurricane to prove there could be something new under the New England sun.

Then there's that concomitant of time,—tide, and you have been reliably informed that the twain will wait for no man. Hence our table of high tides, to insure that your summer dip be taken at the Zenith. We give you, too, the signs of the Zodiac. (On second thought, we'll give you all but Pisces; Boston ought to keep a lien on that one.)

Facts and fancies, a cobweb or two for the antiquarian, data and do-funnies, mix them up, season judiciously, savor with tolerance—and there you have an Almanack. If there's anything fishy about it, don't blame us. It's the Boston Cod.

JANUARY



This is a song to applaud the New Year,
Because it is human to deplore the result
Of any period of time that is definitely ult.,
And there is something a whole lot cheerier
Thinking times will get better as they get
New Yearier.

1

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:22

High water: 6:40 A.M.
7:12 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Feast of the Circumcision—Tebeth (Jewish)—New Year's Day (not a legal holiday in Massachusetts until 1918)* * * * Sad, but true—no really effective, quick cure for that hung over feeling has ever been discovered. * * * Flag of the "United Colonies" (13 alternate red and white stripes with crosses of St. George and St. Andrew) first raised by Gen. Washington at Cambridge in 1776. * * * William Lloyd Garrison, on this day in 1831, released the first issue of *The Liberator*.

*Breathes there a man with soul so dead
As never to have had a whopping head?*

2

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:23

High water: 7:34 A.M.
8:08 P.M.

MONDAY. *Weather: Uncertain, with variable changes.* * * * *Paintings of Eastern Temple and Tomb relief by Joseph Lindon Smith on exhibition at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts until Feb. 2.* * * * On this day in 1788, John Quincy Adams had fun. He "passed the evening at Mr. Frazer's with gentlemen and gay ladies. We played pawns; a number of pledges were given all round, and kissing was the only condition on which they were redeemed. Ah! What kissing."

3

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:24

High water: 8:27 A.M.
9:02 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Tonight and every Tuesday night thru March 21 the Boston Bruins play ice hockey at the Boston Garden.* * * * Dorchester became part of Boston this day in 1870. * * * Fine example of delicacy in advertising this day in 1895 when the *Herald* printed "Boxing lessons by famous New York Prof.; no hard hitting; elegant new parlors; reasonable rates; ravishing accommodations." * * * First women members of the General Court were being shown to their seats in 1923.

4

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:25

High water: 9:21 A.M.
9:56 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. In 1850, the city was feeling pretty blue over the "Mortality Bill" for the year preceding, when, due to a cholera epidemic, more than 5300 good Bostonians had gone to the Happy Hunting Grounds. * * * The *Transcript* saw portents of a better day, however, in the establishment of "a new line of coaches, connecting East Boston Ferry and Dover Street. The Omnibuses are all new and certainly are among the most beautiful specimens of omnibus architecture that we have ever seen."

5

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:26

High water: 10:14 A.M.
10:51 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Professor Alan Wace of Cambridge University, lectures on "Sparta" at the Fogg Art Museum today.* * * * This is bad weather for colds—and it was away back in 1660 when John Hull entered in his diary under this date, "The Lord was pleased to chasten his people with an epidemical cold. It seized upon most very gently. Yet some died." * * * A big wind and fifteen inches of snow on this day in 1877.

6

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:27

High water: 11:08 A.M.
11:43 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Mass. Selectmen's Ass'n begin a two-day session at the State House today.* * * * *Wrestling tonight at Boston Garden.* * * * Another fine example of delicacy in advertising on this day in 1895 when the *Herald* printed "If you look ugly and horrible, get a new face from John H. Woodbury. Pug noses indicating 'scrappy' personalities are changed to aquiline ones natural to persons of sweet prepossessing dispositions. Get our new beauty pamphlet and hurry up!"

7

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:28

High water: 11:58 A.M.

SATURDAY. *Weather: Cold, with decreasing light late in the day.* * * * On this day in 1856 everything seemed to happen at once to Henry Thoreau. First he cut his toe and then he was knocked over by a hen and her chicks. * * * In 1862 the Ninth Connecticut was passing through Boston on its way to war. * * * The original Siamese Twins (Chang and Eng) were here and on view in 1866.

Startling and Amusing. Jan. 5, 1850. Theophilus Fiske will lecture and experiment at the Melodeon upon the newly discovered science of Electro-Biology or the Electrical Science of Life, every evening except Thursday and Saturday at 7½ o'clock. The experiments will be made upon persons in a perfectly wakeful state, who voluntarily come forward from the audience; their voluntary motions will be entirely controlled; their sight, hearing, memory taken away and instantly restored; the taste of pure water will be changed to that of honey, vinegar, milk, wormwood, etc. Single ticket 25¢. Gentlemen and ladies 50¢. 8 tickets \$1.00.



JANUARY



The second week of the brand new year
The Inventory Sales are here,
We plainly see our resolutions
Were either snares or else delusions.

8

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:29

High water: 12:36 A.M.
12:54 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Weather: There'll be some today all right.* * * * *Richard Crooks sings at Jordan Hall.* * * * In 1867, Dentist J. R. Dillingham was waxing lyrical over "Nitrous Oxyd Gas," which "Never causes sickness at the stomach and will make you as gay as any lark while I pull your teeth." * * * If you were in Louisiana, you'd be celebrating Jackson Day.

9

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:30

High water: 1:27 A.M.
1:47 P.M.

MONDAY. *Winter term, Boston Center for Adult Education begins.* * * * On this day in 1632, it was recorded: "Mr. Oliver, a right Godly man, and elder of the Church of Boston, having three or four of his sons, all very young, cutting down wood upon the Neck, one of them, being about fifteen years old, had his brains beaten out with the fall of a tree which he had felled. The good old father called his wife and went to prayer, and bare it with much patience and honor."

10

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:31

High water: 2:22 A.M.
2:43 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Dr. Axel Boethius will lecture on "The Architecture of Imperial Rome and its Importance for Medieval Times" today at the Fine Arts Museum.* * * * The "man who cared" was paying more and more attention to shoe and knee buckles in 1737. * * * Town of Chelsea divorced from Boston this day in 1739. * * * In 1850, the *Transcript* reported that at least twenty acres of sleighs and horses were to be seen skimming around and about the Cattle Fair Hotel in Brighton. And not a pair of skis in the crowd.

11

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:32

High water: 3:17 A.M.
3:40 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Ice Follies at Boston Garden today until the 16th.* * * * In 1719 John Jekyll, Esq., was looking high and low for his seventeen year old negro man-servant Caesar who had decamped attired in "a Pea Jacket and a Child's new Hatt." * * * On this day in 1798 the sacred Cod was first hoisted into position over the Speaker's desk in the brand new State House. * * * Fire caused \$40,000 damage to the new 26 story courthouse building in 1938.

12

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:33

High water: 4:14 A.M.
4:40 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Commonwealth Women's Orchestra and Madrigal Singers at Sanders Theatre this afternoon.* * * * In 1867 the Boston Gas Co. was leading the way to a fuller life with "The Automatic Gas Machine. The grandest thing you've ever seen. Just turn a crank, spark, crash and flash! The gas is lit without an ash!" * * * Point to remember: The exact position of the apex of the State House dome is 42°21'29.596" North Latitude; 71°3'51.040" West Longitude.

13

Sun rises: 7:11
sets: 4:34

High water: 5:12 A.M.
5:41 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Weather: Colder, with increasing coldness.* * * * *Boston Symphony plays in afternoon at Symphony Hall.* * * * This is an unlucky day to have accidents on. * * * All but the outer walls of Faneuil Hall burned this day in 1761. * * * Point to remember: There are about 100 synagogues, Hebrew schools and community buildings devoted exclusively to Jewish activities within the Greater Boston area.

14

Sun rises: 7:11
sets: 4:35

High water: 6:11 A.M.
6:42 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Symphony this evening at Symphony Hall.* * * * In 1832 the *Transcript*, after a good deal of thought, defined a "gentleman" thus: "He gets up leisurely, breakfasts comfortably, reads the paper regularly, dresses fashionably, eats a tart gravely, talks insipidly, dines considerably, drinks superfluously, kills time indifferently, sups elegantly, goes to bed stupidly and lives uselessly."

When the French fleet under the Count d'Estaigne dropped anchor in the harbor in 1778, there was a great to-do. The Count and his officers were royally entertained by the town in general and by the Hancocks in particular. For one grand party attended by three hundred guests, Mrs. Hancock sent her servants out with instructions to "milk every cow on the Common." That both the Frenchmen and the Hancocks were held in high esteem may be deduced from the fact that there were no complaints.



JANUARY



The Symphony

Friday's attendance is bristling with Aryans
Arriving from Wellesley with octogenarians
Dainty, immaculate, but somewhat diminished
By fifty-odd years of Schubert's "Unfinished."

15

Sun rises: 7:10
sets: 4:36

High water: 7:09 A.M.
7:43 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Kirsten Flagstad sings at Symphony Hall.* * * * *American Folk Singers are at the Harvard Club Auditorium.* * * * Telegraphic communication between Boston and Springfield opened this day in 1847. * * * In 1919, a 2,000,000 gallon North End molasses tank exploded, killing nine, injuring 43 seriously, destroying \$600,000 in property and flooding adjoining streets with the worst mess ever seen in the city. * * * On this day in 1931 the last trolley car to make the trip from Boston to Worcester completed its run.

16

Sun rises: 7:10
sets: 4:37

High water: 8:05 A.M.
8:40 P.M.

MONDAY. *Boston Symphony Orchestra, Serge Koussevitzky conductor, plays this evening at Symphony Hall.* * * * Worst wind and rainstorm colonists had seen this day in 1639. "The Indians near Aquiday being Pawwawing in the tempest, the devil came and fetched away five of them." * * * In 1863 there was a great shortage of coin at this time and postage stamps were being widely used to make change. * * * At midnight in 1920 the National Prohibition Law went into what was commonly believed to be effect.

17

Sun rises: 7:10
sets: 4:38

High water: 8:56 A.M.
9:28 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Mr. Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra again this afternoon at Symphony Hall.* * * * *Hockey at the Garden tonight.* * * * Benjamin Franklin born in 1706. Baptized in Old South Meeting House next day. 82 years later he said, "The Boston manner, the turn of phrase, and even the tone of voice and accent and pronunciation all please, and seem to revive and refresh me." How true! How true!

18

Sun rises: 7:09
sets: 4:39

High water: 9:42 A.M.
10:14 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Eugenia Buxton is at Symphony Hall.* * * * Dan'l Webster born 157 years ago today. * * * In 1908, Fred Stone was at the Globe with Hamlin and Mitchell's *The Wizard of Oz* and Harvard students were petitioning for instruction in Esperanto. We know where Fred Stone is, but what ever did become of Esperanto?

19

Sun rises: 7:09
sets: 4:41

High water: 10:24 A.M.
10:54 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Weather: Cooler, with a low pressure area in the big toes.*
* * * *Professional Wrestling tonight at Boston Garden.* * * * Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston to strolling players on this day in 1809.
* * * The town watched great flocks of geese flying north on this day in 1869. *North, mind you.*

20

Sun rises: 7:08
sets: 4:42

High water: 11:03 A.M.
11:32 P.M.

FRIDAY. *St. Agnes Eve.* * * * *This is a Symphony afternoon.* * * * The proper brand of Mumbo-Jumbo is believed to enable virgins of tender years to catch a glimpse of future husbands on this night. * * * On this day in 1817 one Daniel D. Britton was moanin' low in the calaboose for chicken stealing. This was a source of satisfaction to any number of persons for "He is a brawny chimney-sweep, and parades the street in a big cap, a long stick, and a train of boys at his heels, to the great annoyance of people."

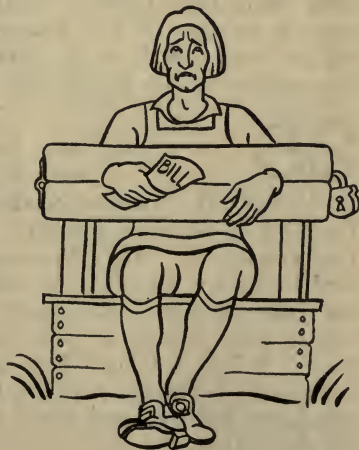
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Sun rises: 7:08
sets: 4:43

High water: 11:43 A.M.

SATURDAY. *Boston Symphony this evening. Symphony Hall as usual.*
* * * *The Mass. Osteopathic Society is talking things over today.* * * * On this day in 1639 the Town Meeting ordered that Richard Tuttle be responsible for "one Dorothe Bill, widdowe, a sojourner in his house" and for "anything about her," which, we'll be bound, gave Richard something to worry about for the rest of the winter.

Reader, consider for a moment the sad case of Edward Palmer, who in the year of 1639 was commissioned by the town to contrive a pair of stocks which might properly be used for the punishment of miscreants. When, by dint of much ingenuity and diligence, the stocks were finished, Palmer presented his bill to the authorities for the sum of one pound, thirteen shillings and seven pence. This "exhorbitant" bill so infuriated the town government that he was slapped into his own brand new stocks and then fined about five dollars for his impudence.



JANUARY



In all humility

That's all I claim for Boston,—that it is the thinking center of the continent, and therefore of the planet.

O. W. Holmes

22

Sun rises: 7:07

High water: 12:10 A.M.

sets: 4:44

12:20 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Federal Music Project's Madrigal Singers will sing some madrigals at the Art Museum at 2:30.* * * * On this day in 1788 John Quincy Adams took himself to Sawyer's Tavern "about three miles off, and there danced till between twelve and one." * * * In 1795, after a good deal of hemming and hawing, Isaac Bickerstaff finally committed himself to the flat statement, "This weather is agreeable to some but disagreeable to many." * * * In 1915 the towering new Custom House was dedicated.

23

Sun rises: 7:06

High water: 12:46 A.M.

sets: 4:46

12:57 P.M.

MONDAY. *Community Fund Campaign starts today, ends Feb. 8th.* * * * *Annual Meeting Massachusetts Auto Club.* * * * It was so cold on this day in 1697 that Mr. Sewall's clock stopped—"Which it has not done in many years." * * * First Bureau of Labor in the nation established by Massachusetts on this day in 1869. * * * Boston's birth rate dropped from 24.7 in 1927 to 19.89 in 1934 but has been holding steady since then. It was 19.79 in 1937.

24

Sun rises: 7:06

High water: 1:25 A.M.

sets: 4:47

1:37 P.M.

TUESDAY. *17th Annual Boston Shoe Show opens today at the Statler.* * * * In 1784 a blazing star was visible on this day. * * * Exactly three years later those of Shays' rebels who had been captured were brought to town. * * * Boston police called at the riot during shoemakers' strike in Lynn in 1860. * * * In 1901 the first subway and elevated trains ran on this day.

25

Sun rises: 7:05

High water: 2:04 A.M.

sets: 4:49

2:18 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Charles Sterling of the Louvre will lecture on "French Painting of the 17th century," today at the Fine Arts Museum.* * * * *The Trustees of Public Reservations get together today.* * * * At this time in 1657 a complaint was made against the son of Goodwife Samon for living without a calling and it was ordered that if his mother "dispose nott of him" before the next Town Meeting, "then the Townsmen would do it." * * * A Liberty Pole at the corner of Essex and Orange Streets dedicated on this day in 1793. It was decorated with the horns of an ox which had been roasted whole as a part of a French liberty celebration the day before.

26

Sun rises: 7:04
sets: 4:50

High water: 2:44 A.M.
3:02 P.M.

THURSDAY. On this day in 1652 Richard Wooddy was admitted as an inhabitant "upon promise not to be offensive by his trayd." * * * In 1850 there was a lot of talk about the proposal of Boston to annex Roxbury. * * * The ladies were wearing trains big enough to step on but not big enough to see in 1899. * * * On this day in 1915 the Boston-San Francisco telephone service was just one day old.

27

Sun rises: 7:03
sets: 4:51

High water: 3:28 A.M.
3:50 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Symphony Concert this afternoon at Symphony Hall.* * * * *Trudi Schoop and her Ballet will kick a few high ones at Jordan Hall tonight.* * * * This day in 1689 was the last for Captain James Hawking and seven of his piratical crew. * * * In 1852 the *Traveller* regretted to say that anti-slavery societies were "perniciously active again" while in 1881 the *Transcript* was sorry to report, "In New York the enormous bills of the undertakers surpass the boldest efforts of the most reckless and imaginative plumbers. It is very much the same in Boston."

Tip to Parents

Auspicious portent of renown,
To be born in Boston town.

28

Sun rises: 7:02
sets: 4:52

High water: 4:17 A.M.
4:43 P.M.

SATURDAY. *For the first time in 24 hours, the Boston Symphony will play at Symphony Hall.* * * * *Knights of Columbus Track Meet today in Boston Garden.* * * * In 1709, Samuel Sewall "discoursed the Governour about giving a Deed of Brooklin." But the Governour was busy worrying about the news from Albany that "the French of Canaday were coming against us." * * * Historian Prescott died this day in 1859. * * * Moody and Sankey were beginning a long meeting at the Tabernacle on Tremont Street in 1877.

On March 4, 1890, the justices of the Superior Court submitted to the State Senate a report stating that the Commonwealth, as a result of negotiations begun in the days of the Pilgrims and Puritans, still owed the representatives of the Dudley Indians the sum of \$4851.



JANUARY

*Ode on Intimations of Bad Weather
As Recollected from Early Morning in Scollay Square
In January*



My nose is red
My hands are blue
I love winter—
The hell I do.

29

Sun rises: 7:01
sets: 4:54

High water: 5:09 A.M.
5:41 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Weather: Cooler with decreasing coal.* * * * 226 years ago tonight, Ephraim Bacon, "going over the Neck with his sled, wandered to the left hand toward Dorchester and was frozen to death." * * * This day in 1908 the twenty-five-year-old world-famous prima donna Geraldine Farrar was given a magnificent reception by her home town folks in Melrose.

30

Sun rises: 7:00
sets: 4:55

High water: 6:06 A.M.
6:41 P.M.

MONDAY. *Weather: Less cooler today.* * * * Born 57 years ago today Franklin D. Roosevelt. * * * On this day in 1888 died Botanist Asa Gray at Cambridge. * * * Emile (Every Day in Every Way) Coué was in town to set up a clinic in 1923. * * * First Massachusetts Unemployment Compensation checks mailed out this day in 1938. * * * Point to remember: Day after tomorrow comes February, also cold.

31

Sun rises: 6:59
sets: 4:56

High water: 7:05 A.M.
7:43 P.M.

TUESDAY. *New England Nurserymen's Ass'n meets today and tomorrow.* * * * *Black Bass season closes today, durn it.* * * * An earthquake about 7 P.M. in 1660. * * * On this day in 1834 the *Boston Daily Mail* reported that Mary Blake, arraigned in police court on a morals charge, "Modestly hung her head and inspected proceedings through a hole in her calash, but it was all mock, as she and her companion, Catharine Jennings . . . were both steeped to the eyes in infamy."

FEBRUARY

1

Sun rises: 6:58
sets: 4:57

High water: 8:03 A.M.
8:41 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. At 10 A.M. on this day in 1843 there was a big anti-slavery meeting at Faneuil Hall, which culminated in a procession to the State House where a petition containing 62,791 names was presented to the Governor. * * * After two years of hard work, James Butler of East Boston had reduced his weight from 410 to 204 pounds in 1902.

2

Sun rises: 6:57
sets: 4:57

High water: 9:00 A.M.
9:37 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Ground Hog Day—Candlemas, too.* * * * 400 Drury Lane players at the Colonial in "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast" in 1903. * * * Point to remember: There are some 360,000 registered voters in the City of Boston all of whom have convinced the right people that they have lived in the State one year and in the city six months.

3

Sun rises: 6:56
sets: 5:00

High water: 9:56 A.M.
10:32 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Oddly enough, the Boston Symphony Orchestra plays this afternoon at Symphony Hall.* * * * *Camellia Show at Horticultural Hall.* * * * First real theatre in the city, the "Old Federal Street," opened this day in 1794 with "The Tragedy of Gustavus Vasa Erickson, the Deliverer of Sweden." The prologue was written by Robert Treat Paine, "The Signer." * * * The Evans Wing of the Museum of Fine Arts was opened today in 1915.

4

Sun rises: 6:55
sets: 5:02

High water: 10:50 A.M.
11:24 P.M.

SATURDAY. *S.K. and the boys get back in the groove this evening at Symphony Hall.* * * * *New England Sportsmen's and Boat Show opens at Mechanics Building today and put-puts along till the 11th.* * * * Museum of Fine Arts incorporated this day in 1870. Unique in that it has been from the beginning supported entirely by private gifts. Its collection of Chinese, Japanese and Indian art is unrivalled in this country—in some respects, in the world.

In 1850, advertising copy writers dashed off little gems like this: "*Curious Mode of Suicide.* In Paris, those tired of life discovered a rather curious mode of stepping out—they eat a dozen or two hard boiled eggs, drink a quart of the sourest claret wine, and the next morning they are found stone dead. Now here is something a great deal more interesting, in way of experiments—take a piece of silver, say a quarter of a dollar, go to 8 State St., get a box of Russia Salve, and should you ever get scalded or burnt, or have sores, corns, piles or bruises, you will be safe enough and bless the name of Redding & Co. Boston."



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Where?

We say the cows laid out Boston. Well,
there are worse surveyors.

Emerson

5

Sun rises: 6:54
sets: 5:03

High water: 11:44 A.M.

SUNDAY. *Septuagesima Sunday.* * * * *Rudolph Serkin at Symphony Hall.* * * * On this day in 1631 arrived the ship *Lyon*, carrying some badly-needed provisions and Mr. Roger Williams, among other passengers. The *Lyon* had been out from Bristol since December 1, 1630. * * * It was thawing in the city in 1843 and the *Mail* reported that the snow was coming off the roofs in avalanches. "And when warning was given that one of these avalanches was coming, woe betide the man in the way of escape. One poor sufferer was pushed into the gutter by the sweetest-mouthed young lady we have looked at this winter."

6

Sun rises: 6:53
sets: 5:04

High water: 12:15 A.M.
12:36 P.M.

MONDAY. In 1705 this day marked the end, after 94 years, of "Old Widow Wiat," who "assisted as midwife at the birth of upward of one thousand and one hundred children." * * * In 1930 the Massachusetts State Senate decided on this day *not* to allow women to do jury duty.

7

Sun rises: 6:52
sets: 5:05

High water: 1:06 A.M.
1:29 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Hockey tonight—Boston Garden.* * * * On this afternoon in 1901, that sterling Thespian, "Ruby Robert" Fitzsimmons, was starring in a sensitive little opus hight *The Honest Blacksmith* at the Opera House. * * * In 1903, John F. Barry, Boston chess champion, was losing again—durn it—to Dr. Emmanuel Lasker at the Boston Chess Club.

8

Sun rises: 6:50
sets: 5:07

High water: 1:58 A.M.
2:22 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *National Boy Scout Day.* * * * On this day in 1851 the press took notice of the fact that John Hudson "the accomplished teacher of self-defense and pistol shooting, has taken rooms in Washington St., a few doors above Winter." * * * Point to remember: German astronomer, Dr. Kurt Meissner, predicts the end of the world sometime this year. From bumping a comet.

9

Sun rises: 6:49
sets: 5:08High water: 2:50 A.M.
3:16 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Two day Interdenominational Missionary Conference begins at Old South Church.* * * * In 1870 the first Annual Police Ball was held on this day in Faneuil Hall. This caused quite a stir, but nothing comparable to the excitement on the force this day in 1901 when Commissioner Harry F. Adams ordered all policemen to shave and shine their shoes daily. * * * This day in 1928 General Pershing orated to quite a crowd at the Copley Plaza. When his notes got a little mixed, he whispered to reporters, "Wait till I get this extemporaneous speech of mine in order." * * * Coldest day ever recorded in Boston in 1934—18 degrees below zero.

10

Sun rises: 6:48
sets: 5:09High water: 3:44 A.M.
4:13 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Weather: Increasing.* * * * The Suffolk Bank of Boston decided not to accept the bills of the Lancaster Bank of New Hampshire on this day in 1842. * * * As far as we can see, this is a very fine day to stay in bed—and think, maybe. Or maybe just stay in bed, maybe.

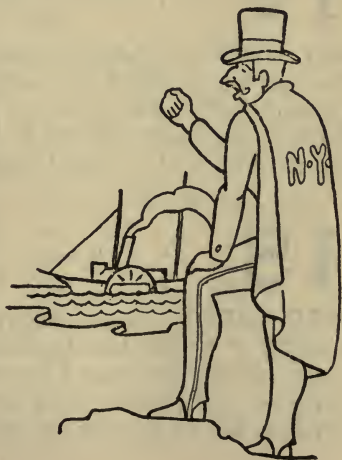
This world is so full of a number of things
I am sure we are all as unhappy as kings.

11

Sun rises: 6:47
sets: 5:10High water: 4:40 A.M.
5:12 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Weather: Bad. It's always bad on Saturday.* * * * *B.A.A. Games and Track Meet at Boston Garden.* * * * This was a Saturday in 1681, too, and there was a "bloody-coloured eclipse of the Moon" according to Samuel Sewall. * * * On this day in 1842, the Suffolk Bank changed its mind and decided to accept the bills of the Lancaster Bank. * * * In 1900 Frank P. Stone picked several crocuses from his yard in Roxbury and optimists were predicting that "the backbone of winter is broken."

"The *Britannia* is advertised to sail and Boston Harbor is froze over. Three days ago, Frederick Tudor, an exporter of ice, was engaged to cut a channel about 10 miles long. It has been accomplished, much to the joy of Cunard managers, and not to the liking and wish of Boston's harshest New York critics and competitors for Cunard Line business." *Boston Advertiser*. Feb. 3, 1844.



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Twinkle, twinkle, movie star,
Your parents wonder how you are;
They haven't had a letter since
You changed your name from Prantz to
Prince!

12

Sun rises: 6:46
sets: 5:11

High water: 5:39 A.M.
6:14 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Lincoln's Birthday.* * * * In 1901 Mrs. Trask of the W.C.T.U. announced that she intended to ask girls as well as boys to sign the pledge not to smoke cigarettes. Meanwhile Governor Crane was signing the "Bootblack Bill," thus permitting the happy little rascals to ply their trade on Sunday without fear of the "Man."

13

Sun rises: 6:44
sets: 5:13

High water: 6:38 A.M.
7:15 P.M.

MONDAY. Died in 1728 on this day, the Rev. Cotton Mather, notable scholar and mighty hunter-downer of Witches. * * * We'll bet somebody had a nasty shock when the *Boston and Country Gazette* for this day in 1786 printed: "Sirs, Not long since you had a sow spaded—she faultered several days and then died—you dress-shaved her, and carried her to Plymouth and there sold her, and unless you make satisfaction . . . within three weeks, your name shall be published in this paper that you may suffer the ignomy you deserve. P.S. the above fact I can prove. E.D."

14

Sun rises: 6:43
sets: 5:14

High water: 7:36 A.M.
8:12 P.M.

TUESDAY. *St. Valentine's Day.* * * * *Weather: Somewhat partly with low resistance. Mackerel skies, mebbe.* * * * *Hockey tonight—Boston Garden.* * * * *This is a bad day to give way to the emotions.* * * * Point to remember: Boston is 13.8 miles long at its longest point—from the northern end of East Boston to the southern end of Hyde Park.

15

Sun rises: 6:42
sets: 5:15

High water: 8:29 A.M.
9:02 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Harvard-Dartmouth Hockey Game at Boston Garden tonight.* * * * In 1903 hard coal was down to \$8 a ton from a \$12 winter peak, and the American Express Co. was getting pretty sore about people throwing nails in the street and crippling their horses. 12 had been injured in this way in the preceding ten days.

16

Sun rises: 6:41
sets: 5:16

High water: 9:16 A.M.
9:46 P.M.

THURSDAY. This day in 1842 was notable for two occurrences. (1) The strongest gale of the winter, before which the city cowered—"One poor washwoman had nothing left of a batch of clothes but a single dickey." (2) Those who did not have to take in washing, could take in woodcock and fresh mackerel at the Tremont Restorator. "Such a thing was never before known in February."

17

Sun rises: 6:39
sets: 5:18

High water: 9:59 A.M.
10:06 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Symphony Concert this afternoon. * * * Annual Grand Clan Ball of Order of Scottish Clans tonight. * * ** In 1901 champion chest expansionist Sam Cohen had Harvard Medical students' eyes bulging when he took a really deep breath, swelled up 16 inches and broke straps of oak-tanned leather 1½" wide and ¼" thick which were buckled around his chest.

18

Sun rises: 6:38
sets: 5:19

High water: 10:38 A.M.
11:03 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Harvard-Yale Hockey Game at Boston Garden tonight. * * * And Dr. Koussevitzky repeats tonight at Symphony Hall. Of course, he has some people to help him. * * ** In 1842 Dr. R. H. Collyer, "most powerful mesmerizer in U. S.," was back in town after a successful trip to (of all places!) New Bedford. * * * This day in 1843 the Soup and Bread Society fed more than 240 families. * * * A hit-and-run sleigh driver (which is a pretty rare form of animal life, if you ask us) got clean away up West Street this day in 1903.

Number 1 of Series 1 of our own "If You Only Knew" Department: "Depression in trade that has so long prevailed in this country never has been more severely felt than now. Several failures in the city (Boston) today of heavy commercial houses because of present deranged state of money matters. My, Oh My! how long will this state of things last? Will not the mild genial sun of spring open better prospects for us? Heh?" Feb. 17, 1842, *Boston Daily Mail*.



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That he must have loved dumb animals
Could be gathered from various sources,
For he fed the kitty every night
And went to the dogs on the horses.

E. E. O.

19

Sun rises: 6:36
sets: 5:21

High water: 11:17 A.M.
11:41 P.M.

SUNDAY. Incorporated today in 1794, the Mass. Historical Society, oldest such organization in the nation. * * * "A great Illumination" this evening in 1815 to celebrate the news of peace with England. * * * In 1840, Delano and Whitney were willing to sell ten cases of "Turkey Opium," according to the Boston *Atlas*. * * * Any number of otherwise normal persons will be going far out of their way to slide up and down snow banks on skis today.

20

Sun rises: 6:35
sets: 5:22

High water: 11:53 A.M.

MONDAY. *Weather: The editors cordially invite you to select your own weather today.* * * * *Boston Symphony Orchestra, at Symphony Hall tonight.* * * * Fastest clipper ship ever built, the *Lightning*, was launched from East Boston by Donald McKay in the year 1853. Her record run of 463 nautical miles, made between noon Feb. 28 and noon March 1, 1854, was never surpassed.

21

Sun rises: 6:33
sets: 5:23

High water: 12:15 A.M.
12:31 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Shrove Tuesday.* * * * *Symphony Orchestra this afternoon at Symphony Hall.* * * * *Hockey tonight—Boston Garden.* * * * *Eastern Dog Club's two-day show opens at Mechanics Bldg.* * * * General Booth of the Salvation Army arrived in Boston in 1903. About 6:30 P.M. as we recall it.

22

Sun rises: 6:32
sets: 5:24

High water: 12:52 A.M.
1:10 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Ash Wednesday.* * * * *Washington's Birthday—first officially celebrated in Boston on the 100th anniversary (1832).* * * * *Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company's Reception to the Governor at Faneuil Hall.* * * * Last ball at the Province House this night in 1776. * * * James Russell Lowell born in 1819 at Cambridge. * * * In 1917, 109 Boston police were helping the U. S. Marshal seize the German liner *Kronprinzessen Cecilie*.

23

Sun rises: 6:30
sets: 5:26High water: 1:30 A.M.
1:50 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Wrestling at Boston Garden tonight, again, we're afraid.* * * * This day in 1900 a hawk on Tremont Street was offering for sale a really beautiful little article—the world's finest pants stretcher. "Guaranteed to keep pants stretched, remove bag from the knees, and save tailor bills." * * * President Wilson, home from the Peace Conference, landed in Boston in 1919.

24

Sun rises: 6:29
sets: 5:27High water: 2:10 A.M.
2:33 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Symphony concert this afternoon at Symphony Hall.* * * * This was a Tuesday in 1903 and it marked the opening of Boston's first Auto Show. There were new models on display, hill climbing, brake tests, obstacle races, speed and control tests, parades around the hall and a musical program. It was at Mechanics Building and lasted five days. * * * For being bad girls during the President's speech the day before, 16 female Suffragists got 10 days in the jailhouse in 1919.

25

Sun rises: 6:27
sets: 5:28High water: 2:54 A.M.
3:22 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Guess who's playing at Symphony Hall tonight?* * * * *Quadrangular Track Meet—Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Cornell, at the Garden.* * * * At this time in 1734 a polar bear was on display and drawing quite a crowd, too. * * * In 1830, the little town of Detroit was luring many Boston emigrants.

From the *Evening Post* for Feb. 23, 1759 (back in the days when there were real opportunities in Boston): "To the Ladies: Any young ladies between the Age of Eighteen and Twenty-three of a Middling stature; brown hair, regular Features and a Lively Brisk Eye; of Good Morals & not Tinctured with anything that may sully so Distinguishable a Form, possessed of 3 or 400 pounds entirely at her own Disposal and where there will be no necessity of going through the tiresome talk of addressing Parents and Guardians for their consent; such a one, by leaving a line directed for A.W. at the British Coffee House in King Street appointing where an interview may be had will meet a person who flatters himself he shall not be thought Disagreeable by any Lady answering the above description. N.B. Profound secrecy will be observ'd. No trifling answers will be regarded."



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Now March comes blustering on the scene,
Wildest of all the months, I ween,
In like a lion, out like a lamb—
Unstable as water,—scram, March, scram!

26

Sun rises: 6:26

High water: 3:43 A.M.

sets: 5:29

4:15 P.M.

SUNDAY. *First Sunday in Lent.* At 5 A.M. in 1901 the tramp-freighter *Viscaina*, heavily laden with sugar from the American Sugar Refinery in South Boston, tried to negotiate the draw in the Washington Avenue Bridge, and didn't make it. After 18" of timber were removed from the South Boston side, the vessel squeezed through at high tide.

27

Sun rises: 6:24

High water: 4:37 A.M.

sets: 5:30

5:15 P.M.

MONDAY. *Spring Furniture Show opens today at Mechanics Building and continues until March 4th.* * * * *Fireman's Ball—Boston Garden.* * * * Out in West Roxbury, near the corner of Washington and Grove Streets, is a volcano which last erupted exactly 103,276,042 years ago today. * * * "Some toothy rats gnawed a Cochuwater water pipe off at South Boston, by which a house was deluged with water," on this day in 1854, according to the *Boston Bee*.

28

Sun rises: 6:23

High water: 5:40 A.M.

sets: 5:32

6:18 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Busch and Serkin are at Jordan Hall.* * * * *New England Hardware Dealer's Ass'n begins a three-day session at the Statler.* * * * Bainbridge and his *Constitution* crew were landing at Long Wharf after the fight with the *Java* in 1813. * * * The bill for "the better education of children employed in manufactories" was lost in the State Senate by a "decisive vote" this day in 1844. * * * Ten years later Stephen A. Douglas was hanged in effigy on the Common with the label "S. A. Douglas, the Benedict Arnold of 1854."

MARCH

1

Sun rises: 6:21

High water: 6:41 A.M.

sets: 5:33

7:21 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *On exhibition at Boston Museum of Fine Arts, "The Sources of Modern Painting" until April 10.* * * * *St. David's Day*—a good day for the wearing of leeks in one's hat and the singing of "Rhyfelgyrch gwyr Harlech." * * * Phineas T. Barnum was lecturing on "How to be Happy" at Tremont Temple this day in 1870. * * * It was so windy this day in 1918 that one man's hat was twirled aloft and dropped on the roof of the Elk's Building. * * * You'll hate us for this, but we've just got to remind you that this is the zero hour. You know? State income tax?

2

Sun rises: 6:20
sets: 5:34

High water: 7:41 A.M.
8:21 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Feast of Esther (Jewish).* * * * In 1833 the press was noting that the Anti-Tobacco Societies were making great progress among those who neither smoked nor chewed. * * * Nellie Bly was bringing down the house at the Hollis Street Theatre on this day in 1890.

3

Sun rises: 6:18
sets: 5:35

High water: 8:44 A.M.
9:16 P.M.

FRIDAY. *This afternoon at Symphony Hall, the Symphony Orchestra will give a concert.* * * * Lots of Harvard graduates belonging to "the high command of commercial life" were pretty sore about the radical social theories being expounded by the University in 1890. * * * An Elevated carman entered a phoney phone booth in a Roxbury drug-store on this day in 1930 and asked for a half-pint of giggle water. The police, who had taken over, gave him a bottle of real water and told him it was "on the house."

4

Sun rises: 6:17
sets: 5:36

High water: 9:40 A.M.
10:12 P.M.

SATURDAY. *This evening at Symphony Hall, ———.* * * * This day in 1630 from the town of Boston were banished sundry "knaves and harlots." * * * The following year Nicholas Knopp was fined five pounds for "taking it on himself to cure the scurvy by a water of no value, which he sold at a very dear rate." * * * Boston City Charter, drafted by Lemuel Shaw, adopted in 1822; vote: 2,797 yeas; 1,881 nays. * * * Bank Holiday in 1933.

*Because we thought this date too late
We don't no more inaugurate.*

H. E. W.

At the regular "Thursday Lecture" on March 4, 1634, Mr. John Cotton started a furious rumpus in which the clergy of the entire colony eventually became involved by denouncing the wearing of veils by females. The opposition was led by Mr. Roger Williams, who declared that veils were "a necessary appendage to the attire of all modest women" and that scriptural citations could be quoted to prove it. At this point Mr. John Endicott attempted to butt in, but he was butted right out again by Mr. Cotton, who was in no mood for trifling.



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Port nearest Europe; our elation
Over this vaunted situation
Dwindles upon investigation.
File, pending further information.

M. E. H.

5

Sun rises: 6:15
sets: 5:38

High water: 10:34 A.M.
11:03 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Purim (Jewish)*. * * * *Forum String Quartet Concert at the Art Museum at 2:30.* * * * The Boston Massacre occurred on this day in 1770. * * * A local inventor applied on this day in 1830 for a patent on a self-moving cradle. "It vibrates," he confided, "by spring movement operating a pendulum." * * * The Legislature Committee on Mercantile Affairs held a hearing on this day in 1918 on a bill to give organized labor representation on the directorates of all corporations. Not a single person appeared in support of it.

6

Sun rises: 6:14
sets: 5:39

High water: 11:28 A.M.
11:52 P.M.

MONDAY. "Tickets in the Harvard College Lottery" were to be had on this day in 1775 of Thomas and John Fleet in Cornhill. * * * The State House wood furnace set the building afire on this day in 1833. Considerable loss. * * * A strike of telephone operators that would have held up communications in 81 cities and towns was averted on this day in 1918. The company granted all demands, including a minimum wage of \$16 a week.

7

Sun rises: 6:12
sets: 5:40

High water: 12:17 P.M.

TUESDAY. Mr. Samuel Grainger let it be known on this day in 1719 that he was prepared to teach, among other things, writing "in a free and easy manner." He wished to dispel certain rumors "newly revived" concerning "those dancing Phaenomenas which were never seen nor heard of in School Hours." * * * One alderman and two councilmen submitted for approval on this day in 1883 a supper bill for \$20. No approval.

8

Sun rises: 6:10
sets: 5:41

High water: 12:42 A.M.
1:09 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. Born this day in 1841 the late great Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Oliver Wendell Holmes. * * * The first Boston experiment in electrically-lighted streets was tried on this night in 1870. * * * Boston was in second place in foreign commerce in 1908. Sounds like the Red Sox to us.

9

Sun rises: 6:08
sets: 5:42

High water: 1:31 A.M.
1:58 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Annual Meeting of New England Hospital Ass'n today, tomorrow and Saturday at the Statler.* * * * It was ordered on this day in 1702 that jurymen were to be drawn from a list of those persons believed to be "proper to serve on juries." Which was sensible. * * * The "Shoo Fly" hat was the newest fashion wrinkle in 1870. "It is tip-top and to be worn so." * * * A 58-mile-an-hour gale in 1927.

10

Sun rises: 6:07
sets: 5:44

High water: 2:20 A.M.
2:51 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Wrestling Matches tonight at Boston Garden.* * * * *Annual Meeting N. E. Ass'n of English Teachers, Hotel Statler.* * * * This day in 1905 Enrico Caruso had the mumps, and couldn't keep his Boston engagement. * * * \$2,200,000 worth of scrip arrived at City Hall under heavy guard, on this day in 1933. It was in three colors and very pretty, too.

11

Sun rises: 6:05
sets: 5:45

High water: 3:12 A.M.
3:45 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Weather: Bad. What kind of weather do you expect on March 11?* * * * *Only 36 more days to Low Sunday.* * * * James Morgan was hanged on this day in 1686 for carrying out his threat to "run a spit into the bowels" of a man he didn't like. Temper, temper! * * * An earthquake was felt on the Common on this day in 1800.

"Upon the *eighth of March* (1631), from after it was fair day light, until about eight of the clock in the forenoon, there flew over all the towns in our plantations, so many flocks of doves, each flock containing many thousands and some so many that they obscured the light, that it passeth credit, if but the truth should be written; and the thing was the more strange because I scarce remember to have seen ten doves since I came into the country; they were all turtles as appeared by divers of them. They flew from the north-east to the southwest but what it portends, I know not."

From Governor Thomas Dudley's Letter to the Countess of Lincoln, March 28, 1631.



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A bad month for coughs. "A Lover of the Mathematics" in his 1713 *Almanack* recommended the following to stop that tickle: "Take good Wine, Anniseed, Liquorish, Raisins of the Sun, Figs, Noble Livewort, Maidenhair, Iucalellus, Bolsom, Sundue and Loaf Sugar, Steep all these in the Wine and drink Morning and Night."

12

Sun rises: 6:03
sets: 5:46

High water: 4:06 A.M.
4:41 P.M.

SUNDAY. The Selectmen of Boston on this day in 1654 had "liberty to agree with Joseph Jynke for Ingins to carry water in case of fire, if they see cause soe to do." The cause was there, whether or not it was "soe" seen. The town had one hell of a fire. * * * The wind had its innings on this day in 1865. "Any number of females, particularly in the salubrious localities of the South End, were quite blown away."

13

Sun rises: 6:01
sets: 5:47

High water: 5:04 A.M.
5:42 P.M.

MONDAY. Stray professors, exhibiting the alleged remains of mammoths, mastodons, etc., were doing a fair trade around Boston in 1830. * * * This day in 1865, 44 rebel prisoners passed through town on their way south to be exchanged, while Judge-Advocate Bolles was here to set up a court-martial in which, it was confidently expected, "many contractors and bounty-brokers will come to grief."

14

Sun rises: 5:59
sets: 5:48

High water: 6:02 A.M.
6:41 P.M.

TUESDAY. Roger Williams, formerly of these parts, obtained on this day in 1644 a charter of incorporation for Providence and Rhode Island plantations. * * * It was voted on this day in 1744 to "purchase the Faneuil arms, elegantly carved and gilt by Moses Deshon, to be fixed on the Hall." So now you know.

Whose?

Boston is a state of mind.
Mark Twain

15

Sun rises: 5:58
sets: 5:50

High water: 7:01 A.M.
7:37 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. Boston, convinced that better times had come, closed the last of its soup kitchens on this day in 1855. Temporarily, that is. * * * The House of Representatives passed a bill in 1870 to permit cities and towns to open their libraries on the Lord's Day. * * * The rebuilt frigate, *Constitution*, was launched from the Charlestown Navy Yard on this day in 1930. * * * If you don't tell Mr. Morgenthau all about it today, Mr. Morgenthau is going to be very, very angry.

16

Sun rises: 5:56
sets: 5:51

High water: 7:56 A.M.
8:27 P.M.

THURSDAY. William Ledro was hanged on Boston Common on this day in 1659 for "being a Quaker." * * * The Common Council voted on this day in 1865 to continue the ancient custom of "ringing the bells, morning, noon and evening." * * * Peter Witt, street railway expert, announced in 1918 that the Boston El fare could be as low as 4, or even 3, cents. He advocated the Cleveland "service at cost system." The El has a nice little deficit now and the fare is a dime. In case you didn't know.

17

Sun rises: 5:54
sets: 5:52

High water: 8:43 A.M.
9:11 P.M.

FRIDAY. *St. Patrick's Day.* * * * *Evacuation Day.* * * * *This is South Boston's day no matter how you look at it.* * * * *Matinée for the Symphony Orchestra today. We know where—but we won't tell.* * * * The Charitable Irish Society was formed on this day in 1737 by "several gentlemen, merchants, etc. of the Irish nation, residing in Boston, for the relief of any of that nation who may be reduced by sickness, shipwreck, old age or other infirmities."

18

Sun rises: 5:52
sets: 5:53

High water: 9:29 A.M.
9:51 P.M.

SATURDAY. *By a peculiar combination of fortuitous circumstances, there is a Symphony Concert tonight.* * * * The General Court, on this day in 1648, expressed its alarm at the recent "visitation of witch-craft" by entertaining a proposal to send to England for professional witch-finders, which was certainly looking right over the heads of some fine local talent. * * * Washington was in town in 1776. He dined with James Bowdoin at the house of Mrs. Erving, called later at John Hancock's, and spent the remainder of the night jumping in and out of 4,308 beds, all of which are extant and for sale at a price on *this* day.

On March 10, 1876, Professor Alexander Graham Bell had notice to vacate the rooms he was occupying at #5 Exeter Place. Reason for the notice—conduct unbecoming to either a scholar or a gentleman, culminating in an Indian War Dance with great whooping and stomping of feet. Reason for War Dance, etc.—Professor B. had just spoken the words "Mr. Watson, please come here, I want you" into a thing hopefully referred to as a "Telephone." *And Mr. Watson heard him.*



MARCH



In March 1895 the Town was suddenly conscious that the small army of tramps and loiterers along the waterfront had disappeared. An investigation of this pleasing situation revealed that they had been recruited by an agent of the Cuban Patriot League, who had offered them the life of Riley if they would shoulder a musket when the zero hour of the revolution came.

19

Sun rises: 5:51
sets: 5:54

High water: 10:09 A.M.
10:30 P.M.

SUNDAY. One Captain Dobson, in a ship of eighty tons, double manned and fitted for a man of war, "set forth from Boston to trade to the eastward" on this day in 1646. * * * By this time, unless the brewers change the schedule again, bock beer should be available.

*Many a prophet called a crack pot
Ultimately wins the jack pot.*

F. G.

20

Sun rises: 5:49
sets: 5:55

High water: 10:48 A.M.
11:06 P.M.

MONDAY. *Mass. Safety Council huddles at the Statler today and tomorrow, too.* * * * *Mr. Koussevitzky and the Symphony Orchestra give a concert tonight at Symphony Hall.* * * * The Traveller for this day in 1848 reported that "an unusually large number of devotees of the bowl were led or carried to the watch-house" over the week-end. In one instance "the Watch were called to a house at the South End by a loud outcry of 'murder'" and found it to be brought on by a man's effort to get his wife's rum-bottle away from her. * * * Kit Carson and the Ute Indians were here in 1868.

21

Sun rises: 5:48
sets: 5:56

High water: 11:24 A.M.
11:42 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Vernal Equinox.* * * * *Spring arrives at 7:29 A.M.* * * * *Symphony Concert at Symphony Hall this afternoon.* * * * *Last chance to see the Bruins play hockey at the Boston Garden.* * * * The whale-ship *Boston*, "only 7 months at sea," was back in port this day in 1833, "chock full of oil and whalebone." * * * The old age pension bill was reported favorably by a legislative committee on this day in 1930.

22

Sun rises: 5:46
sets: 5:57

High water: 12:05 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Weather: Uncertain, but we think so.* * * * A lovelorn lady tried suicide in Boston Harbor on this day in 1833 but "her spinnaker skirts and balloon jib train kept her afloat until rescued." * * * Butterflies and geese were flying over the city in 1865. * * * Point to remember: From the source to the mouth of the Charles River is a distance of only 25 miles, whereas its course covers 69 miles. Gee!

23

Sun rises: 5:44
sets: 5:58

High water: 12:20 A.M.
12:43 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Wrestling Matches at the Garden again.* * * * In 1661 Chicataubet, Sachem of the Massachusetts, was dining with Governor Winthrop. The Chief, God bless him, "behaved himself as soberly as an Englishman." * * * The *Boston Gazette* of this day in 1815 ran an advertisement urging the election of the Federalist ticket. "Sleeping Samson of New England," it roared, "wake, before they cut off your hair." * * * During a religious revival, a 15-hour service was held on this day in 1858 at a Hanover Street Church.

24

Sun rises: 5:42
sets: 5:59

High water: 12:59 A.M.
1:27 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Symphony Concert this afternoon.* * * * Tough Guy: "Samuel Ruggles, going up the meeting hill," on this day in 1667, "was struck by lightning, his two oxen and horses killed, a chest in the cart with goods in it burnt in sundry places, himself coming off the cart, carried twenty feet from it, yet no abiding hurt." * * * The lands of the Public Garden were offered for sale on this day in 1823. * * * The State "Baby Volstead Act" was repealed on this day in 1933.

25

Sun rises: 5:41
sets: 6:01

High water: 1:42 A.M.
2:11 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Symphony concert tonight, too.* * * * Sometime about now H. S. Ede will lecture on "The British School of Painting" at the Fine Arts Museum. * * * The *Boston Gazette* on this day in 1723 offered for sale a very desirable property, "a convenient dwelling House, two Tenements with Tenants in them that pay the rent well when due." * * * Physicians for the second draft were on this day in 1918 judging recruits by their potential rather than their actual health. Army cantonments, they figured, might make men of many previously rejected.

In 1889 promoters of the scheduled championship fight between Jake Kilrain and John L. Sullivan (both Bostonians) at New Orleans, advised the worried press that "the affair will be as peaceful and joyous as a picnic. Nine out of ten of the expected attendants will be armed. There will be 20 picnic masters armed with Winchesters to keep the joy confined."



MARCH



When, as is the common rule,
Children call out "April Fool!"
I grin and cut a merry caper—
Who would not be a fool in Apr.?

M. E. H.

26

Sun rises: 5:39
sets: 6:02

High water: 2:27 A.M.
3:00 P.M.

SUNDAY. *This is the sixth day of spring. We still can't believe it.*
* * * There was a "great drouth" in these parts in 1639. * * * Dr. Karl Muck, leader of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, was arrested on this day in 1918, charged with espionage, refusal to play "The Star Spangled Banner" and the bad habit of asking for sauerkraut when he really meant Liberty Cabbage.

27

Sun rises: 5:37
sets: 6:03

High water: 3:19 A.M.
3:56 P.M.

MONDAY. *Spring term, Boston Center for Adult Education begins.*
* * * *The New England Optometrists are seeing each other at the Statler.* * * * On this day in 1858 sympathetic creditors of an East Boston merchant called a moratorium when they saw crepe on his door. But nobody was dead. The scoundrel had absconded. * * * Edwin Booth was appearing in "Hamlet" on this day in 1865 at the Boston Theatre. * * * The telephone line between Boston and New York opened this day in 1884.

*He is but a cad who hurls,
Empty peanut shells to squirrels.*

H. E. W.

28

Sun rises: 5:35
sets: 6:04

High water: 4:15 A.M.
4:56 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Mayflower Descendants tell each other about it at the Society's House at 9 Walnut Street, today.* * * * It was ordered on this day in 1642 "that all Inhabitants of this Towne shall remoove all their goates from this necke by or before the next second day of the week, and never more to keepe any of them upon this necke, under the penalty of 3s. 4d. a goat for every goat seene abroad from this day forward." And that still goes, see! * * * Social Note: Representatives of the Queen of Madagascar were staying at the Tremont House on this day in 1883.

29

Sun rises: 5:34
sets: 6:05

High water: 5:17 A.M.
6:01 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Weather: Springy.* * * * It was forbidden on this day in 1647 to dig sods on the Common. * * * In the early eighteenth century, snow was frequently packed five or six feet deep on the streets in winter. "Playful" boys would burrow "ovens" through this snow, causing passing carriages to drop suddenly, thereby practically snapping the necks of travelers. Some fun. * * *

30

Sun rises: 5:32
sets: 6:06

High water: 6:22 A.M.
7:03 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Weather: Warmer and colder, a real New England March day.* * * * A law was passed today in 1721 whereby taverners forfeited debts for drink and victuals exceeding ten shillings. * * * A butcher in East Boston announced this day in 1912 that he made a specialty of sausage "from little pigs who died happy."

31

Sun rises: 5:31
sets: 6:07

High water: 7:26 A.M.
8:03 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Weather: Just like yesterday, only exaggerated.* * * * *The Skating Club of Boston will cut some fancy figures today and tomorrow at Boston Garden.* * * * The British government decided to close the Port of Boston this day in 1774. * * * In 1852 the Tremont Temple and the art collection it housed went up in smoke on this day. * * * The Traveller was making this editorial point in 1890, "Spain is coming rapidly to the front as a progressive country. Forty thousand workmen are on a strike in Catalonia."

APRIL

1

Sun rises: 5:29
sets: 6:08

High water: 8:26 A.M.
5:58 P.M.

SATURDAY. *All Fools' Day (yoo-hoo!)* * * * The *Daily Advertiser* for this day in 1825 had all kinds of things to sell. If you couldn't use a nice tomb in the Copp's Hill Burying Ground, how about "Cattys of Tea," "Quintals of Codfish" or "Zeroons of Cochineal"? * * * This day in 1854 marked the closing of the Exchange Coffee House, long a gathering point for festive spirits.

At one time during the period in which the General Court met in the Province House, skunks were so numerous in the neighborhood that it was found advisable to maintain a little grave yard in the rear of the building for the garments of those members who were so unfortunate as to be exposed to the attentions of the pretty little kitties. Each little grave was marked by a stake bearing the owner's name against the day of resurrection. Unfortunately none of the epitaphs have come down to us.



APRIL



“Ye rare month when ye blithe lark singeth”—
Yes, and ye nose commence to runneth,
Ye have shed ye coat like an idiot,
And ye lie in bed, and ye doctor cometh.

2

Sun rises: 5:29
sets: 6:08

High water: 9:24 A.M.
9:52 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Palm Sunday.* * * * In 1830, if you had \$4, a lot of time and no end of patience, you could go on a 12-hour excursion to Keene, N. H., by stage. Or, you could just stay home and join in the cynical remarks being made about the “Association of Ladies” that was going to build Bunker Hill Monument. * * * This day in 1934 marked the return, after an absence of 16 years, of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

3

Sun rises: 5:25
sets: 6:10

High water: 10:20 A.M.
10:42 P.M.

MONDAY. *18th Annual Mass. Safety Conference opens a two-day meeting at the Statler today.* * * * In 1685 the Town was sober as news of the death of Charles II on Feb. 6 was received. * * * This day in 1735 the Watch was ordered to cry the hour and the weather. This kept any number of people from sleeping, including the Watch. * * * Edward Everett Hale born in Boston in 1822.

4

Sun rises: 5:24
sets: 6:12

High water: 11:09 A.M.
11:30 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Passover begins today.* * * * There was a special exhibit of gas lights at the Boylston Museum, “interspersed with music by a select band,” this evening in 1816. * * * The Federalist nominating caucus for city officers was hard at it in 1822. * * * This day in 1870 marked the beginning of the Police Department’s “Rogues’ Gallery.” Eight years later the file contained 1400 likenesses.

5

Sun rises: 5:22
sets: 6:13

High water: 11:58 A.M.

WEDNESDAY. In 1831, the “Help Wanted” columns really had something in them. Consider the following: “Young Men Wanted: Must be tactful and etiquettish to please the ladies. Must wear stiff dickey, white gloves, fashionable cravat, be erect, in brief, a moderate swell.” * * * The brewery strike in 1902 was forcing Bostonians to drink New York beer temporarily. The consensus of opinion was that it was pretty poor stuff, however.

6

Sun rises: 5:20
sets: 6:14High water: 12:17 A.M.
12:47 P.M.

THURSDAY. *The American Ass'n of Anatomists, which is quite a body (haw!) itself, meets today, tomorrow and Saturday at the Somerset Hotel and the Harvard Medical School.* * * * Everybody took this day off in 1797 to see John Stewart hanged on the Common for robbery. * * * Under the heading of *Latest Telegraphic Dispatches* on this day in 1870 the *Post* corrected an earlier erroneous story—"The Emperor of Russia has hypochondriasis—not rupture as reported."

7

Sun rises: 5:18
sets: 6:15High water: 1:03 A.M.
1:37 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Good Friday.* * * * This day in 1630 three magistrates were appointed for life, this beginning the tradition of life tenure for Mass. Judges. * * * "Gamblers, smokers, loafers and dram-peddlers" ordered off the Common this day in 1827. * * * In 1902 the General Court was considering a proposal for the licensing of cats. * * * In 1929 it was 84 degrees in the shade and there wasn't much shade. Also, there wasn't no Bock beer, neither.

8

Sun rises: 5:17
sets: 6:16High water: 1:51 A.M.
2:24 P.M.

SATURDAY. First City Election on this day in 1822. But it didn't take. * * * Boston's great Charlotte Cushman made her theatrical debut at the Tremont Theatre this day in 1835. * * * In 1880 "Joe" Jefferson was here in "Rip Van Winkle" and playing to S.R.O. * * * Another full house was on hand at Symphony Hall this day in 1927 when Idaho's Borah and Columbia's Butler talked some about a thing called the "Eighteenth Amendment."

Ordered this year (1685) to prevent excess and vain expense in the matter of mourning that "no scarves, gloves or rings, shall be given at any funeral in this town nor shall any wine, rum or other spiritous liquor . . . be given at or immediately before or after any funeral." Further that whatever male person "shall appear or walk in the procession . . . with any new mourning coat or waistcoat, or with any other new black apparel save and except a black crepe bound around one arm shall forfeit and pay the sum of 20 shillings." Females, "of whatever degree," were allowed a black hat or bonnet, gloves, ribbons and fans, but no more under penalty of the same fine.



APRIL



When you speak of the market
That's known as Faneuil,
Kindly pronounce it
To rhyme with Dan'l.

R. S.

9

Sun rises: 5:15
sets: 6:17

High water: 2:39 A.M.
3:16 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Easter—Biological Wonder: This is the only day of the year on which rabbits can lay eggs.* * * * There was a sudden thaw this day in 1852, with the snow, as usual, coming off the roofs in avalanches. One young thing was buried up to the neck on Court Street. * * * A "Great Ball" this night in 1877 at the Music Hall to raise funds for the preservation of the Old South Meeting House.

10

Sun rises: 5:14
sets: 6:18

High water: 3:31 A.M.
4:08 P.M.

MONDAY. The dignitaries of Plymouth and Boston won a moral victory on this day in 1671 when they argued King Philip into signing a document stating that through "the naughtiness of his heart" he had violated and broken his covenant with the English. He then proceeded to be even naughtier. * * * This day in 1799 was the first of two weeks of vacation for the young gentlemen at the college in Cambridge and not a single one took a Bermuda Cruise.

11

Sun rises: 5:12
sets: 6:19

High water: 4:25 A.M.
5:05 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Last day of Passover.* * * * In 1852, revolving heels, designed to equalize wear and tear, were the latest fashion wrinkle. * * * The police got a new 6-pointed brass star to wear this day in 1853. * * * Journeymen painters were "vexed" at being required to work more than nine hours on Saturday in 1881 and decided to strike for \$2.50 a day. They were even threatening to emigrate to Philadelphia or New York "where they say that \$3.00 may be had."

12

Sun rises: 5:10
sets: 6:20

High water: 5:22 A.M.
6:02 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. The ship *Charity*, after almost coming to grief when she struck ground twice between Allerton's Point and Nantasket, arrived safely with a badly needed cargo on this day in 1636. * * * In 1820, Consul de Valnais was inviting all Frenchmen in the city to wear mourning for forty days for the Duc de Berri, slain "probably by Bonapartists." * * * Great Chelsea fire this day in 1908.

13

Sun rises: 5:09
sets: 6:21

High water: 6:17 A.M.
6:54 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Jefferson's birthday.* * * * *Wrestling tonight at the Garden.* * * * This day in 1635 the Town got around to worrying about a school and voted to "entreat" Philemon Pormont to become school-master. * * * In 1828 the clergy was reporting a great increase in attendance at Sunday Schools. Nobody, not even the ministers, ever did figure out why this sudden interest was shown.

14

Sun rises: 5:07
sets: 6:23

High water: 7:14 A.M.
7:47 P.M.

FRIDAY. This day in 1642 "Eight or nine persons were cast away in vessels and drowned. They were noted to be loose fellows, that lived by trucking with the Indians." No shaggers? No Lambeth Walkers? * * * In 1700 Judge Sewall told his diary "Sabbath. I saw and heard the Swallows proclaim the Spring." * * * First professional Sunday baseball game this day in 1929.

15

Sun rises: 5:06
sets: 6:24

High water: 8:04 A.M.
8:30 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Trout Season opens and continues until St. Swithin's Day.* * * * *Work by Members of the Boston Society of Watercolor Artists on exhibition at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts until May 15th.* * * * The city was tense this day in 1861 as the Civil War began. * * * Mme. Helena Modjeska in "Romeo and Juliet" at the Globe in 1879. * * * Back Bay Station burned this night in 1928. * * * Regular air passenger service to New York began in 1929.

John Josselyn, in "An Account of Two Voyages to New England" describes the state of diversion in Boston thusly: "In 1637 there were not many houses in the Town of Boston, amongst which were two houses of entertainment called ordinaries into which if a stranger went, he was presently followed by one appointed to that office, who would thrust himself into his company uninvited, and if he called for more drink than the officer thought in his judgement he could soberly bear away, he would presently countermand it, and appoint the proportion, beyond which he could not get one drop."



APRIL



Include among our minor joys
Contemplation of the poise
Of Brahmin gals and Harvard boys.

M. E. H.

16

Sun rises: 5:04
sets: 6:25

High water: 8:52 A.M.
9:12 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Low Sunday.* * * * The end of the world was here again in 1806 according to many. Total eclipse of the sun. * * * First decisive election for Mayor on this day in 1822. John Phillips was the winner. * * * The whole city turned out to greet U. S. Grant on this day in 1875. * * * Latest killing frost ever recorded occurred this day in 1882. Duplicated in 1936.

17

Sun rises: 5:02
sets: 6:26

High water: 9:35 A.M.
9:52 P.M.

MONDAY. *Will you believe us if we tell you that the Boston Symphony plays tonight at Symphony Hall?* * * * Ben Franklin died in 1790. * * * Terrific storm this day in 1851. Minot's Light destroyed; its two keepers drowned. * * * On this day in 1915 there was a near riot at the Tremont Theatre over *The Birth of a Nation*. * * * Former Prime Minister J. R. MacDonald was in town in 1927.

18

Sun rises: 5:01
sets: 6:27

High water: 10:17 A.M.
10:31 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Symphony Concert this afternoon—Symphony Hall.* * * * In 1775 the British were coming. * * * On this day in 1860, Edward O'Donnell was fined \$5 "for obtaining a pick axe under false pretences." * * * In 1880, those who weren't hypnotized by that new-fangled gadget called a telephone, were being nearly asphyxiated by the recently invented kerosene stove.

19

Sun rises: 4:59
sets: 6:29

High water: 10:56 A.M.
11:10 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Patriots' Day.* * * * *B.A.A. Marathon today.* * * * This day in 1775 the British were going. And the Revolution had really begun. * * * Exactly three years later, Mr. Simeon Deane arrived in Boston with dispatches for Congress, including "Treaties of Alliance between France and the United States, signed at Paris, the 6th of February." * * * In 1812 another War with England began on this day.

20

Sun rises: 4:58
sets: 6:30

High water: 11:37 A.M.
11:50 P.M.

THURSDAY. The *Boston News Letter* reported that on this day in 1704 "the Reverend Mr. Pemberton Preach'd an Excellent Sermon on 1 Thes. 4.11. 'and do your own business.'" * * * Lots of stage lines and taverns for sale at this time in 1828. The owners were finally convinced that the railroad was here to stay. * * * This day in 1853 the Watch was abolished in favor of a brand new Police Department. * * * Only \$2 to New York on the Joy Line in 1902.

*Gals who fill up on Chop Suey
Fill me with a great ennui.*

21

Sun rises: 4:56
sets: 6:31

High water:
12:20 P.M.

FRIDAY. All business suspended in 1841 as great funeral procession for President Harrison passed through the city. * * * This day in 1853 the great clipper *Staffordshire* boiled in to port. Only 81 days out of Calcutta. * * * In 1880 Bob Ingersoll was in town and religion was being demolished—again. * * * Cornerstone of Ford Hall laid this day in 1905.

22

Sun rises: 4:54
sets: 6:32

High water: 12:32 A.M.
1:04 P.M.

SATURDAY. James II proclaimed King in Boston this day in 1685. * * * Decently interred at Marblehead on this day in 1722, the body of Mrs. Jane Norden, "The Agreeable Comfort of the Hon. Nathaniel Norden, Esq." according to the *Boston Gazette*. * * * The Boston-Salem Turnpike opened in 1803. * * * Spring Fashion Note: In 1880 the *Traveller* announced that Miladies' new hats looked "like crushed hansom cabs."

It'll probably be a body blow to "swing" addicts and an unpleasant jolt to baseball writers, as well, but it's our bounden duty to tell you that away back in 1787, John Quincy Adams confided to his diary the following: "I did not admire Mrs. Parker; she has a hard masculine countenance, and black eyes which express as much softness as those of a tiger. But she is a very good woman; only has rather too much temper, or as it is called in New England, too much *stuff*."



APRIL



May Day

Hang no garlands on my door,
No posies on my knocker,
But let me away at the break of day
To cheer each soap-box talker.

30

Sun rises: 4:43
sets: 6:40

High water: 8:10 A.M.
8:40 P.M.

SUNDAY. For a wonder, the *Traveller's* eagle-eyed editor had a kind word to say for women's styles this day in 1830. The new white and green spring bonnets were "delightful," he thought. * * * In 1853 it was decided that the Charles River Bridge was to be "free henceforth forever." * * * A day of fasting and prayer for the preservation of the Union in 1865. * * * This day marked the end of the North Ferry in 1933.

MAY

1

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sets: 6:41

High water: 9:08 A.M.
9:32 P.M.

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2

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High water: 10:00 A.M.
10:20 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY. *Annual Meeting League of Nations Ass'n.* * * * *"Pops" start tonight at Symphony Hall.* * * * *The Knights of Pythias convene at the Statler today and tomorrow.* * * * If they had got around to it 261 years earlier they would probably be convening at the "Widowe Milton's" who was this day in 1678 "approved of to entertaine inmaites or Sojourners."

4

Sun rises: 4:38
sets: 6:45

High water: 11:40 A.M.
11:52 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Weather: Gentle to westerly.* * * * In 1827, card playing was reported to be on its way out. And nobody cared. "It's a pastime," the press declared, "for the old, dull, stupid and disagreeable, anyway." * * * The price of a shave went up to ten cents on this day in 1853, which pleased nobody but the barbers.

5

Sun rises: 4:36
sets: 6:46

High water: 11:26 P.M.

FRIDAY. Point to remember: Puritan Boston would have nothing to do with wedding rings. They were considered "Diabollicall Circles for the Divell to daunce in." * * * In 1775 the Provincial Congress was renouncing Gage as Governor, saying "His jurisdiction is now confined to the walls of the Capital only." Which could hardly have been news to Gage. * * * In 1851 crowds were visiting the handsome clipper *Witch of the Wave* at Lewis Wharf.

6

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sets: 6:47

High water: 12:37 A.M.
1:13 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Mass. League of Women Voters Convention at Hotel Sheraton about this time.* * * * Major Josiah Quincy was fined for speeding on this day in 1826. * * * Everybody was off to the races at Beacon Park this day in 1876. \$14,000 in purses. * * * The Red Sox surprised everybody, including themselves, by making 11 hits in one inning this day in 1934.

The sad case of Mr. Thomas Morton, apprehended at Mary-Mount by the lord brethren of Boston. When the "devillish sentence against him was passed at Boston, the harmless salvages (his neighbours) came the while, greived, poore silly lambes, to see what they went about (when the authorities put him in the bilboes); and did reprove these eliphants of witt for their inhumane deede; the Lord above did open their mouthes like Balam's Asse and make them speake in his behalfe, sentences of unexpected divinity, besides Morrallity; and tould them that God would not love them; that burned this good man's howse; and plainly sayd that they that were newcome would find the want of such howses in the winter." Which they did.



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High water: 10:52 A.M.
11:08 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Annual Meeting League of Nations Ass'n.* * * * *"Pops" start tonight at Symphony Hall.* * * * *The Knights of Pythias convene at the Statler today and tomorrow.* * * * If they had got around to it 261 years earlier they would probably be convening at the "Widowe Milton's" who was this day in 1678 "approved of to entertaine inmaites or Sojourners."

4

Sun rises: 4:38
sets: 6:45

High water: 11:40 A.M.
11:52 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Weather: Gentle to westerly.* * * * In 1827, card playing was reported to be on its way out. And nobody cared. "It's a pastime," the press declared, "for the old, dull, stupid and disagreeable, anyway." * * * The price of a shave went up to ten cents on this day in 1853, which pleased nobody but the barbers.

5

Sun rises: 4:36
sets: 6:46

High water: 12:26 P.M.

FRIDAY. Point to remember: Puritan Boston would have nothing to do with wedding rings. They were considered "Diabollicall Circles for the Divell to daunce in." * * * In 1775 the Provincial Congress was renouncing Gage as Governor, saying "His jurisdiction is now confined to the walls of the Capital only." Which could hardly have been news to Gage. * * * In 1851 crowds were visiting the handsome clipper *Witch of the Wave* at Lewis Wharf.

6

Sun rises: 4:35
sets: 6:47

High water: 12:37 A.M.
1:13 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Mass. League of Women Voters Convention at Hotel Sheraton about this time.* * * * Major Josiah Quincy was fined for speeding on this day in 1826. * * * Everybody was off to the races at Beacon Park this day in 1876. \$14,000 in purses. * * * The Red Sox surprised everybody, including themselves, by making 11 hits in one inning this day in 1934.

The sad case of Mr. Thomas Morton, apprehended at Mary-Mount by the lord brethren of Boston. When the "devillish sentence against him was passed at Boston, the harmless salvages (his neighbours) came the while, greived, poore silly lambes, to see what they went about (when the authorities put him in the bilboes); and did reprove these eliphants of witt for their inhumane deede; the Lord above did open their mouthes like Balam's Asse and make them speake in his behalfe, sentences of unexpected divinity, besides Morrallity; and tould them that God would not love them; that burned this good man's howse; and plainly sayd that they that were newcome would find the want of such howses in the winter." Which they did.



MAY



In May 1672, the General Court decided "Whereas, there is no express punishment . . . affixed to the evill practise . . . of *exhorbitancy of the tongue in rayling and scholding*, it is therefore ordered, that all such persons convicted . . . for rayling or scholding, shall be gagged or sett in a ducking stoole and dipt over head and ears three times, in some convenient place of fresh or salt water."

7

Sun rises: 4:34
sets: 6:48

High water: 1:22 A.M.
1:58 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Community Service's Annual Father and Son Banquet, at the Copley Plaza.* * * * The U.S.S. *Constitution* arrived this day in 1934 after a cruise of 23,000 miles.

8

Sun rises: 4:33
sets: 6:49

High water: 2:09 A.M.
2:45 P.M.

MONDAY. The worm turned with a vengeance this day in 1826 when a member of the Watch took on three Harvard hecklers, beat them up, tied them up, and trundled them off to the cooler. * * * This day in 1851 the Adams House was sold for \$1700 cash and a mortgage of \$118,699.71. Which must have taken some high class promoting. * * * James Bryant Conant elected President of Harvard University this day in 1933.

9

Sun rises: 4:31
sets: 6:50

High water: 2:56 A.M.
3:33 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Convention of N.E. Order of Protection barricades itself in at the Staller today.* * * * Fine example of early Boston hospitality this day in 1636 when it ordered that if any inhabitants entertain strangers over 14 days without leave "from those . . . appointed to order the Towne's businesses," they are liable to be "dealt with." * * * In 1914, this was the first "Mother's Day." * * * Boston's Richard E. Byrd flew over the North Pole this day in 1926.

10

Sun rises: 4:30
sets: 6:51

High water: 3:46 A.M.
4:24 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. This day in 1649 one Spring fashion was nipped in the bud when Gov. Endicott, Mr. Dudley, Mr. Bellingham and others signed the following: "For as much as the wearing of long hair, after the manner of Russians and barbarous Indians has begun to invade New England, contrary to the rule of God's word which says it is a shame for a man to wear long hair, (we) do declare and manifest our dislike and detestation against it."

11

Sun rises: 4:29
sets: 6:52

High water: 4:39 A.M.
5:17 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Wrestling Matches tonight at the Garden.* * * * The Boston press was being poisoned by insidious foreign propaganda as early as 1832. In that year local papers were carrying advertisements for some sort of new-fangled institution called "Yale," located somewhere in the hinterlands of Connecticut. "Tuition \$76 a year. Full board 2 to 4 dollars per week."

12

Sun rises: 4:28
sets: 6:53

High water: 5:33 A.M.
6:08 P.M.

FRIDAY. Figures released this day in 1831 showed that Charlestown was the healthiest community in the nation. * * * In 1906 the Navy Yard was about to be closed—again. * * * French War Mission, headed by Joffre, here this day in 1917. * * * Died this day in 1925, poetess Amy Lowell. * * * Point to remember: Since the coming of the Puritans, Beacon Hill's height has been cut down from its original 180 feet to a mere 105 feet today.

13

Sun rises: 4:27
sets: 6:54

High water: 6:28 A.M.
7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY. In 1640 it was decided that "James Luxford, for his forgery, lying and other foul offences was censured to be bound to the whipping poast till the lecture from the first bell, and after the lecture to have his eares cut off; and so he has liberty to depart out of our jurisdiction." We certainly hope Mr. Luxford could take a hint. * * * During the month of May 1921, Boston was visited by the two most famous scientists of the day, Madame Curie and Professor Einstein.

King's Chapel was the first building in Boston to be erected of Quincy Granite, the blocks being cut from the surface of the ground. In 1747 when the building was only partially completed, the committee in charge of the work reported that it was doubtful whether there was "sufficient granite in the town of Quincy to complete the structure." It is our contention that for sheer bad guessing on a large scale, this report is almost the equal of Mr. Corrigan's 1938 flight to Dublin, California.



MAY



Dear Miss Mitchell, please deposit
Your ten-pound sequel in the closet.
We'll have no more of flouncing vixens
South of the Masons and the Dixons.

14

Sun rises: 4:25
sets: 6:56

High water: 7:21 A.M.
7:46 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Mother's Day.* * * * In 1692 Sir William Phips arrived with the Charter of William and Mary, in accordance with which Massachusetts and Plymouth were merged in Their Majesties' Province of Massachusetts Bay. * * * This day in 1937, after a five-day round trip to England, Dick Merrill and J. S. Lambie landed at Squantum.

15

Sun rises: 4:24
sets: 6:57

High water: 8:10 A.M.
8:30 P.M.

MONDAY. Captain Bartholomew Gosnold and his party took a "great store of cod" this day in 1602 off a mighty headland "which was promptly christened Cape Cod," supposedly the first place in Massachusetts to be given an English name. * * * Wonderful opportunity for a summer cruise today in 1704 when the *News Letter* printed: "Captain Peter Laurence is going a Privateering from Rhode Island in a good Sloop, about 60 tuns, six Guns and 90 men for Canada and any Gentlemen or Sailors that are disposed to go shall be kindly entertained."

16

Sun rises: 4:23
sets: 6:58

High water: 8:56 A.M.
9:16 P.M.

TUESDAY. This day in 1827 the *Traveller* pointed out that there were nearly 1000 saloons in Boston, whereas 500 would really be enough. * * * Even the Spring weather couldn't cheer up Elevated employees this day in 1932. Their pay was cut 6½ cents an hour. * * * Point to remember: In and around Boston there are more than 100,000 persons of Canadian birth. It has been estimated that one out of every five persons resident in the State is of Canadian birth or heritage.

17

Sun rises: 4:22
sets: 6:59

High water: 9:42 A.M.
9:57 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *If you like tulips, you should see what they have at Horticultural Hall today and tomorrow.* * * * We won't swear to it, but on this night in 1719 the Aurora Borealis was supposedly first seen from Boston. To many it was an unmistakable sign of the approach of Doomsday. * * * This day in 1774 Gen. Gage, last of the Royal Governors, arrived. * * * New record of 35 hours for mail service between Boston and New York set this day in 1832.

18

Sun rises: 4:21
sets: 7:00

High water: 10:28 A.M.
10:40 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Ascension Thursday.* * * * There was a lot of talk going on about building a new City Hall on the new Public Garden at this time in 1857. * * * In 1876 the Hon. Francis W. Bird was declaring that the Nation's only hope was "with a purified regenerated Democracy, cleansed by 16 years of adversity." * * * In 1927 the Ritz Carlton opened on this day. * * * The temperature was 91 degrees in 1936.

19

Sun rises: 4:20
sets: 7:01

High water: 11:12 A.M.
11:24 P.M.

FRIDAY. This day in 1722, the Selectmen labored and brought forth as fine an example of anti-climax as you'd ever care to hear. Like this: "If any ill disposed Persons continue their false and malicious Reports of the Small Pox spreading or increasing in Boston, it is hoped no considerate persons will give any credit thereto." * * * New England's "Dark Day" in 1780.

20

Sun rises: 4:19
sets: 7:02

High water: 11:58 A.M.

SATURDAY. *Four days National Florence Crittenton Conference begins today at the Touraine.* * * * *Reserve Officers Ass'n of U. S., Dept. of Mass., meet at the Kenmore.* * * * This day in 1690 died John Eliot, in his 86th year. * * * A strange fact, difficult to explain, but universally admitted: Bostonians are almost invariably men and women of quick and accurate judgment, rare and striking beauty, quiet and constant courage and rich and amiable wit. * * * A great crowd at the Harbor this day in 1907 to watch U. S. Submarine set new diving record of 200 feet.

You may not care much for statistics, but here are a few that, sooner or later, may concern you vitally. The City of Boston owns twenty cemeteries, totalling 212 acres. They are all under the care of the Park Department although some are no longer available to the public for interments. Of the twenty, Mount Hope is the largest and the most popular (if a cemetery *can* be popular). In 1937 there were a total of 2,075 burials in these cemeteries, which was exactly 77 more than in 1936. In 1937, 71.08% of these were in Mount Hope as against 74.57% in 1936.



MAY



John Josselyn, 17th century tree surgeon, speaking on New England orchards: "Their fruit trees are subject to disease, the meazels and lowsiness, when the wood peckers job holes in their bark; the way to cure them . . . is to bore a hole into the main root . . . and pour in a quantity of Brandie or Rhum and then stop it up with a pin made from the same Tree."

21

Sun rises: 4:18
sets: 7:03

High water: 12:09 A.M.
12:45 P.M.

SUNDAY. In 1704 Gov. Dudley issued a proclamation on this day asking for the apprehension of a Commander Quelch and company, "Violently suspected of Felony and Piracy . . . and acting divers Villainous Murders." * * * In 1850, Mr. Ossian Dodge paid \$625 in cash for the privilege of selecting his own seat at Tremont Temple when Jenny Lind sang there.

22

Sun rises: 4:17
sets: 7:04

High water: 12:57 A.M.
1:36 P.M.

MONDAY. Samuel Sewall entertained in the most approved Bay Colony manner this day in 1685. "had a private fast: the Magistrates . . . with their wives were here. Mr. Eliot prayed, Mr. Willard preached, 'I am afraid of Thy Judgements'. . . . Mr. Allen prayed: cessation half an hour, Mr. Mather preached. . . . Mr. Moody prayed about an hour and a half; sung the 79th Psalm, from 8th to the End; distributed some Biskets and Beer, Cider, Wine."

23

Sun rises: 4:17
sets: 7:05

High water: 1:48 A.M.
2:29 P.M.

TUESDAY. Supporting the genteel Boston tradition, the Watch was on this day in 1821 requested "Not to cry the time of night in a vociferous voice." * * * In 1831 wealthy Bostonians were building many summer homes at Charlestown Highlands. * * * In 1857 the handsome new West Street Gate to the Common was being "universally admired." Eggs were 17¢ a dozen and butter 25¢ a pound.

24

Sun rises: 4:16
sets: 7:05

High water: 2:41 A.M.
3:26 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Sh'vuoth* (Jewish) * * * In 1854 the fugitive slave Anthony Burns was arrested on this day, thus precipitating great indignation and, two days later, some fine rioting. * * * City Hospital dedicated this day in 1864. * * * This day in 1844, Samuel Morse of Charlestown sent the first telegraphic message "What hath God wrought."

25

Sun rises: 4:16
sets: 7:06

High water: 3:43 A.M.
4:24 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Wrestling at the Garden tonight.* * * * In 1775 the Generals Howe, Burgoyne and Clinton arrived to carry on the war. * * * This day in 1699 Richard, Earl of Bellomont, arrived to take up his duties as Royal Governor. He immediately set out to please everybody, even going as far as to attend the Weekly Lecture. It worked, too. In a short while His Lordship's salary was substantially raised by the General Court. * * * Ralph Waldo Emerson born in 1803.

26

Sun rises: 4:15
sets: 7:07

High water: 4:44 A.M.
5:24 P.M.

FRIDAY. In 1675 William Blackstone, first white man to settle in Shawmut, now Boston, died. * * * The Anthony Burns business really got up steam this day in 1854, with a great protest meeting at Faneuil Hall, followed by a riot in which a U. S. Deputy was killed. "The entire police force, twenty-two companies of Massachusetts soldiers, a platoon of U. S. Marines . . . and the Marshal's sworn posse, were deemed necessary to guard . . . this helpless colored man from the Court House to Long Wharf." Thomas Wentworth Higginson and other prominent Bostonians were leading the mob which tried to rescue Burns.

27

Sun rises: 4:14
sets: 7:08

High Water: 5:48 A.M.
6:26 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Work by students of the School of Museum of Fine Arts on exhibition until June 15th at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.* * * * The General Court, after serious consideration, on this day in 1685, concluded, "that we being under the solemn frowns of the Divine Providence . . . therefore appoint the 16th day of July next to be set apart as a Day of Publick Humiliation . . . exhorting all who are the Lord's Rememberancers to give Him no Rest, till, Isai 62, 7, He establish and make Jerusalem a Praise in the Earth."

At the Town Meeting held on May 31, 1819 the members of the Watch and those friendly to them managed to out-vote almost everyone else. When the coast was clear, this unholy "Rump" then passed a motion to raise the wages of the Watch from fifty to seventy-five cents per night. But though it was skillfully and legally engineered, the triumph turned to dust when the very next meeting rescinded the vote.



MAY



FRANKLIN PARK

Gather ye rosebuds if ye dare
And take ye consequences!
Ye Park Department loves to nab
Bacchantes who climb fences.

28

Sun rises: 4:14
sets: 7:09

High water: 6:53 A.M.
7:24 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Pentecost (Whitsunday)* * * * You could have left Boston at 3 A.M. and arrived in Hartford at 7 P.M. on this day in 1832. If you had \$5 for coach fare, that is. * * * This day in 1862 the Suffolk Railroad Company asked the City for permission "to place rail tracks in all the streets of Boston not occupied by other companies, with the right to run over all the tracks already laid in the public avenue." Which pretty well covered the situation.

29

Sun rises: 4:13
sets: 7:09

High water: 7:54 A.M.
8:20 P.M.

MONDAY. Point to remember: According to a law enacted in 1639, no ladies' garments shall be made with short sleeves "whereby the nakedness of the arm may be discovered in the wearing thereby." * * * The New England Colonies formed a union of their own on this day in 1643.

30

Sun rises: 4:13
sets: 7:10

High water: 8:52 A.M.
9:12 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Memorial Day.* * * * During the month of May in 1633 there "was a great sort of flies for bigness to wasps or bumble bees, which come out of holes in the ground, eat the green things and make such a constant yelling as all the woods ring with them and deafen the hearers." * * * In 1826 a Newburyport ship owner was making himself very unpopular by telling Boston owners not to be so sanctimonious about other people's slave and rum ships while operating a fleet of their own.

31

Sun rises: 4:12
sets: 7:11

High water: 9:45 A.M.
10:01 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. Many Bostonians at Pittsfield for the first "Agricultural Fair" in 1807. * * * Snow on this day in 1832. * * * In 1907 there was automobile racing at the Readville track on this day. Times: 50 miles in 1:03:24, 100 miles in 2:10:30.

JUNE

1

Sun rises: 4:11
sets: 7:12

High water: 10:34 A.M.
10:46 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Corpus Christi*. * * * Earthquake this day in 1638. * * * Crowd on Common greatly disappointed in 1660 when Mary Dyer was not hanged, just banished. * * * On this day in 1823 Bannister Opdike placed two porridge bowls on his front stoop and observed them for four and a half hours. "There were seven in one," said Bannister, "and none in the other." His conclusion: Molasses catches more flies than vinegar.

2

Sun rises: 4:11
sets: 7:13

High water: 11:21 A.M.
11:31 P.M.

FRIDAY. Notwithstanding its distaste for "Mr. Madison's War," the General Court on this day in 1814 voted a million dollars to defend the Coast against the British. * * * Died this day in 1927, Lizzie Borden, still sticking to the weakest story ever told.

3

Sun rises: 4:10
sets: 7:13

High water: 12:05 P.M.

SATURDAY. On this day in 1928 Amelia Earhart, a worker at Denison House, flew to Newfoundland to prepare for a trans-Atlantic flight. * * * In 1935, word came that Babe Ruth was coming to the Boston Braves, and all the kids were happy. * * * Point to remember: For a period of 125 years, that is from 1630 to 1755, Boston was not only, as it is today, the most important town in America, but the most populous, as well. In 1760 Philadelphia moved into first place in population with 18,756, Boston was second with 15,631 and New York third with about 14,000.

In the summer of 1753, there being no Beano or trucking contests available to burn up the excess energy of the town, said excess energy was diverted into a short-lived spinning craze. The *Evening Post* reported "Wednesday last 300 spinners—daughters of the best families in town—assembled in 3 rows to do their spinning in public on the Common. Weavers were there also with their looms."



JUNE



This month of bugs and wedding causes
Jewelers to rub their hands—it bodes
A thousand sweet girl graduates
And badly-written class day odes.

4

Sun rises: 4:10
sets: 7:14

High water: 12:13 A.M.
12:48 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Trinity Sunday.* * * * Born in 1774 Jeremy Belknap, founder of the Massachusetts Historical Society. * * * The monotony of a dull summer was shattered this day in 1854 when Mrs. Adams burst upon the fashion scene with "the most wonderful wasp-waist corset ever shown in the city." * * * Saloon keepers were cheered this day in 1875 when they learned that licenses could be had at from \$150 to \$200.

5

Sun rises: 4:09
sets: 7:15

High water: 12:55 A.M.
1:31 P.M.

MONDAY. *302nd Drum Head Election of Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company held on the Common.* * * * On this day in 1854 Theodore Parker took the South apart and threw away the pieces in great anti-slavery sermon at the Music Hall. * * * Many a Bostonian felt that there was some justice in the world this day in 1875, when the handsome awards in settlement of their *Alabama* claims were announced.

6

Sun rises: 4:09
sets: 7:16

High water: 1:39 A.M.
2:15 P.M.

TUESDAY. On this day in 1636 Isaacke Cullymore, carpenter, was fined ten pounds for selling his house to a stranger. * * * Haymaking began on the Common in 1852, with a fine crop reported. * * * On this day in 1904 the Alumni of M.I.T. organized to fight "Tooth and Nail" the proposed merger with Harvard. * * * In 1930 the city opened the Celebration of its Tercentenary.

7

Sun rises: 4:09
sets: 7:17

High water: 2:23 A.M.
2:58 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Weather: Rare.* * * * This is a good month not to go near the City Clerk's office. There are eleven others. * * * We have it on good authority that on this day in 1879 the police were "radiant" in their new waterproof straw hats. * * * In 1862 the *Traveller* warned editorially, "Let a youth who stands at the bar with a glass of liquor in his hands, consider which he had better throw away—the liquor or himself."

8

Sun rises: 4:08
sets: 7:17

High water: 3:09 A.M.
3:45 P.M.

THURSDAY. About this time in 1636 the authorities decided that sailors were not to remain on shore after sunset "Except upon necessary business." And so? * * * Daring bathing garments were observed this day in 1827 on a Beacon Hill bathing beauty at Nahant.

9

Sun rises: 4:08
sets: 7:18

High water: 3:57 A.M.
4:33 P.M.

FRIDAY. In 1825, the report of the City Council on financial situation for the year ending on May 30 showed: receipts \$607,804; expenses \$556,134.60; balance \$51,665.40. Hot damn! * * * A "Retreat for the Insane" was established in West Roxbury in 1888.

10

Sun rises: 4:08
sets: 7:19

High water: 4:50 A.M.
5:22 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Commencement at Simmons.* * * * In 1800, such fine bloodtingling words as Patna Bastas, Tandah Mamoodys, Alibad Cossas, Nauckhorys, Jannahs, etc., turned out to be merely a few of the many cotton fabrics in which Boston damsels decked themselves. * * * This day in 1862 it was triumphantly announced that "the latest improvement in pharmacy is a pill, got up on the principles of a shell. When swallowed it explodes. Instead of requiring four or five hours to operate, it produces instantaneous results."

On May 2, 1879 the *Boston Globe* reported on a "new and alarming theory" propounded by "a scientific gentleman" who was convinced that the oil wells in Pennsylvania were tapping the reservoirs around the bearings of the Earth's axis and that the planet would stop revolving if the supply were exhausted. He called for immediate action on the part of the Government to "stop further pumping and boring of this gudgeon grease of the Universe."



JUNE



A visitor to Boston in the year 1698, a Mr. Ned Ward, reported "Their buildings are like their women, neat and handsome, and their streets, like the hearts of their men, are paved with pebbles." This same wise guy said the town had four churches and four clergymen, "one a scholar, one a gentleman, one a dunce and one a clown."

11

Sun rises: 4:08
sets: 7:19

High water: 5:41 A.M.
6:12 P.M.

SUNDAY. By this time in 1829 it was becoming obvious that the whale oil trade was languishing due to the extension of service of gas companies. * * * In 1850 Margaret Starr, 92, arrested for drunkenness, made a game effort to exterminate the police. * * * On this same day of that year William G. Easton, pioneer ghost-writer, confessed his willingness to prepare "anything, from poetry, scientific essays, speeches and advertising matter of any sort."

12

Sun rises: 4:08
sets: 7:20

High water: 6:36 A.M.
7:00 P.M.

MONDAY. George Woodward, a "sope boylar" by trade, was fined this day in 1638 for "unlawful entry upon some of the Towne's grounds and for digging holes and annoying the High Way with fish." Whatever it was he did, it's still against the law. * * * On this day in 1775 General Gage issued a proclamation, declaring the Massachusetts Bay Colony to be in a state of rebellion. He was right, too. * * * A magnificent temperance parade took an hour to pass this day in 1850.

13

Sun rises: 4:07
sets: 7:20

High water: 7:29 A.M.
7:49 P.M.

TUESDAY. Boston ship-owners in 1827 challenged the British to a clipper-ship race anytime, anywhere, for fun or money. Oysters were 6½ cents a bushel. * * * Many fine matrimonial opportunities were offered in the press on this day in 1875. * * * This day in 1900 fifteen unnamed and unknown busts of supposedly illustrious persons were discovered in the Athenaeum.

14

Sun rises: 4:07
sets: 7:21

High water: 8:20 A.M.
8:38 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Flag Day.* * * * Bostonians were wide awake to the alien menace as early as 1642. On this day of that year "In ye Genrall Corte itt was . . . ordered on mocon of ye member from Rocksberry yt Goodman Armitage bee called to giue account of ye young Spaniard att his hows and likewise take heed that his daughter Mary com nott soe much in his companie." * * * In 1926 the School Committee ruled that men and women should not have equal pay for equal work.

15

Sun rises: 4:07
sets: 7:21

High water: 9:11 A.M.
9:26 P.M.

THURSDAY. First witch hanging in Massachusetts this day in 1648, with Margaret Jones as the party of the first part. * * * On this day in 1827 Tory vandals, unregenerate after 50 years, desecrated the Liberty Pole, on the site of the Liberty Tree, at Washington and Essex Streets. * * * The First Massachusetts, the first three-year regiment to reach Washington, left Boston on this day in 1861.

16

Sun rises: 4:07
sets: 7:21

High water: 10:00 A.M.
10:13 P.M.

FRIDAY. On this day in 1775 the Massachusetts Council of War decided to fortify Bunker Hill. By night 1,200 men were busy, only they were busy fortifying Breed's Hill. * * * The garment, the "sweater," gets its name from Sir Ambrose de Sweater, last of his line, who designed it. He spent twenty years at the work. It was knitted in secret by Magyars brought to his home in Ramsey, Hants. When it was finished he wouldn't wear it. Neither would his wife.

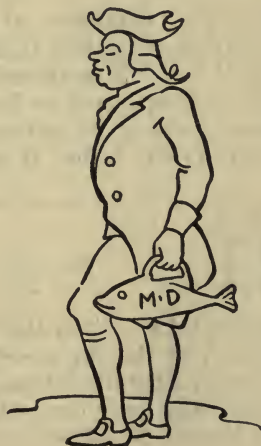
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Sun rises: 4:07
sets: 7:22

High water: 10:48 A.M.
11:02 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Bunker Hill Day. There'll be a hot time in Charlestown tonight.* * * * On this day in 1819 Freeman Backhouse was sent to prison for three years for picking the pocket of Flavel Case, a member of the Watch. * * * Boston staged a mammoth Peace Jubilee on this day in 1872. 20,000 voices, 1,000 instruments and Johann Strauss leading the orchestra in waltzes of his own composition.

The early colonists in New England soon discovered that more potential wealth lay in the sea than in the land, and, like good business men, were quick in finding new uses for their chief crop—the Sacred Cod. By 1672, when John Josselyn's *New England Rarities* was printed, we find that credulous exaggerator expounding, "Their livers and sounds eaten, is a good medicine for to restore them that have melted their grease." The well-intended Mr. Josselyn also points out another remarkable virtue of the cod when he asserts that "about their fins you may find a kind of lowse which healeth a green cut in a short time."



JUNE



Oh, Month, your name we shall not mention.
In verse it's had too much attention.
It rates a Tin-pan-alley pension.

H. E. W.

18

Sun rises: 4:08
sets: 7:22

High water: 11:38 A.M.
11:50 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Five-day Kiwanis International Convention opens.* * * * This day in 1749 was said to be the hottest day ever in the northerly part of America. * * * In 1875 on this day a fireworks factory exploded in Roxbury. There was a lot of noise and a great deal of color, and it didn't smell very well, either. * * * Judge Dewey told a policeman on this day in 1902 that he suffered from "impeded veracity." The judge freed an alleged drunk that the copper had arrested.

19

Sun rises: 4:08
sets: 7:23

High water: 12:27 P.M.

MONDAY. *Tufts Commencement.* On this day in 1819 Maine secured her divorce from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and set up in business for herself. Still to remain in the Union, it was believed. * * * The city sold its last horse-drawn fire apparatus on this day in 1925. Many an honest tear shed, too.

20

Sun rises: 4:08
sets: 7:23

High water: 12:42 A.M.
1:19 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Exhibition of Masterpieces of Paintings, Prints and Drawings from New England Collections at Museum of Fine Arts until September 17.* * * * Magnificent new horse-cars, regular chariots, costing \$1,000 each, appeared on Boston Streets on this day in 1875. * * * John Emmons, head of the police, ordered an immediate war this day in 1904 on "sin in every form." It was about time, too.

21

Sun rises: 4:08
sets: 7:23

High water: 1:34 A.M.
2:11 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Class Day at Harvard.* * * * Street fish peddlers were forbidden by the city government in 1829 to use fish horns. * * * On this day in 1929 Blackstone, the magician, was tied hand and foot, placed in a specially made box and lowered into Fort Point Channel. He quickly freed himself. Consensus on citizen opinion: "It was a trick."

22

Sun rises: 4:08
sets: 7:23

High water: 2:29 A.M.
3:07 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Commencement day at Harvard.* * * * *More Wrestling Matches at the Garden tonight.* * * * The miller at Copp's Hill was killed by lightning in 1642. * * * On this day in 1925 it was announced that President Calvin Coolidge could be expected in Swampscott for the summer. * * * The old Fall River Line, once the most glamorous mode of travel between Boston and New York, closed this day in 1937.

23

Sun rises: 4:09
sets: 7:23

High water: 3:26 A.M.
4:04 P.M.

FRIDAY. *St. John's Eve.* * * * On this day in 1827 the press deplored the rush of farm youths to urban centers. * * * The machinists organized in 1852. They were sick of working twelve hours for a dollar a day. * * * "A number of sets of teeth, both upper and lower," were offered this day in 1875 for \$5 as dentists put on a price war.

24

Sun rises: 4:09
sets: 7:23

High water: 4:26 A.M.
5:04 P.M.

SATURDAY. In 1827 the clergy were imploring the authorities to put a stop to "beach deviltries." The women, they charged, were worse than the men. * * * The first issue of the *Transcript* appeared on this day in 1830. * * * In 1850 the press noted that "Some spendthrift citizens advocate planting a fine grove on Boston Common, sort of Baby Forest." * * * Two years later Mount Hope Cemetery opened.

In the early eighteenth century Bostonians apparently considered it very bad form to appear in the least surprised, irritated or even interested in the sudden (and frequent) departure of bond-servants or slaves. An air of bored paternalism combined with a heavy humor is to be found in the advertisements of the period, of which the following is typical: "LOST: A Felt Hat, a Cinnamon jacket, a pair of Leather Breeches, white Cotton Stockings, Square-toed Shoes—on the exterior of Sam Nutt, Bonds-servant." *Boston Gazette*, Aug. 3, 1724.



JUNE



From now till Labor Day you'll seek
That envied thing—a perfect tan,
And still be, after many a week,
As peeled as Prehistoric Man.

25

Sun rises: 4:09
sets: 7:23

High water: 5:29 A.M.
6:04 P.M.

SUNDAY. If you liked mutton, on this day in 1828 you could have bought a whole sheep, for a dollar, if you had a dollar. * * * This day in 1850 Wendell Phillips asserted that the only way to save the country was to form a third party. And, further, that if nobody else was willing to do it, he would. * * * The funeral of Chu Shin Ying, a leading Mason, was held in Chinatown on this day in 1900. There were thousands of mourners, Chinese and American.

26

Sun rises: 4:09
sets: 7:23

High water: 6:34 A.M.
7:02 P.M.

MONDAY. *National Tuberculosis Ass'n begins a four-day meeting at the Statler.* * * * On this day in 1649 the correct business day was outlined when "Richard Taylor agreed with ye Selectmen to ringe ye bell at nine of ye clock at night and a half hour after four in ye morninge and to have for his recompense four pounds a year." * * * Point to remember: Boston is 7.75 miles wide at its widest point, from Marine Park to the western end of Brighton.

27

Sun rises: 4:10
sets: 7:23

High water: 7:36 A.M.
8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY. In 1868 both Boston and Georgia were claiming the discovery of ether, so Oliver Wendell Holmes suggested that the inscription on the Boston Ether Monument should be "Either." No action was taken on the suggestion, or, so far as we know, on the Doctor, ether. * * * The legislature ratified the repeal of the 18th amendment to the Constitution of the United States on this day in 1933, and it took them twenty minutes.

28

Sun rises: 4:10
sets: 7:24

High water: 8:34 A.M.
8:53 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. The Great and General Court on this day in 1704 passed an act directing that the Militia at the frontiers be provided with snow shoes. * * * The Advertising Clubs of America on this date in 1936 opened annual convention in Boston to observe the 25th anniversary of the crusade for honesty in advertising.

29

Sun rises: 4:11
sets: 7:24

High water: 9:29 A.M.
9:43 P.M.

THURSDAY. The continued exclusion of the non-elect from the Cavalry Company gave rise to talk on this day in 1827 of the need for a new organization to which "patriots" could belong. * * * State Board of Education established this day, 1837. * * * Point to remember: The best way to thaw out mittens is to place them in a dry closet and leave them there till spring.

30

Sun rises: 4:11
sets: 7:24

High water: 10:18 A.M.
10:28 P.M.

FRIDAY. Seven pirates were executed on the Boston side of the Charles River Flats on this day in 1704. * * * "Home," said the members of the Medical Society on this day in 1827. Occasion: The frivolity of certain young women who let it be known that they desired to be Doctors. * * * The Red Lion on Hawley Street went in for an innovation on this day in 1850. It served free lunches to patrons. Copley Square restaurants please copy.

JULY 1

Sun rises: 4:11
sets: 7:24

High water: 11:02 A.M.
11:10 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Black Bass season opens.* * * * Capt. Kidd, his wife, and a maid servant arrived in Boston on this day in 1699, foolishly trusting in the safe conduct issued by the Governor. It was a mistake he lived to regret—but not for long. * * * This day in 1840 the *Transcript* soothed its readers with the statement "We are requested to say that the Assessors will assess such as have not been assessed until the 4th inst." * * * First regular air mail to the West this day in 1926.

In 1825 the *Boston Commercial Gazette* squelched rumors that the Boston-New Orleans mail was being tampered with when it reported that the letters in question had been sealed with wafers rather than the conventional wax and that cockroaches, "those dark and midnight robbers," had eaten the wafers, thus unsealing the letters. Against this menace "No penalty of the law or vigilance of the officials can avail," declared the editor.



JULY



Contrary to general belief July, not August, is the warmest month of the year in Boston. Calculated over a period of nearly a century, the mean monthly temperature for July is 72.1°, for August 70.1°. Nor has August ever produced a temperature of 100° although such a reading has been recorded not only for July, but for June and September as well.

2

Sun rises: 4:12
sets: 7:24

High water: 11:43 P.M.
11:50 P.M.

SUNDAY. Siege of Boston began this day in 1775. * * * On this day in 1853, the *Globe*, torn between the sales value of the story and the fear of shocking its readers, reported that Charles Scott was in court charged with felonious assault on a young lady "with intent to etcetera." * * * In 1934 the Sumner Tunnel opened, with great pomp. The golden shears used to cut the tape at the exercises cost \$175. Single men on relief were cut to \$2 weekly.

3

Sun rises: 4:12
sets: 7:23

High water: 12:24 P.M.

MONDAY. *Esplanade concerts begin about this time.* * * * Born this day in 1737 in Boston, John Singleton Copley. * * * On this day in 1775, a 43-year-old Virginian surveyor and Indian fighter took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge. His name was Washington and he turned out to be a pretty fair man for the job. * * * Exactly 99 years later (1874 to you) Boston walloped the daylights out of New York in a cricket game. Who cares about baseball, anyway?

4

Sun rises: 4:13
sets: 7:23

High water: 12:31 A.M.
1:03 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Independence Day.* * * * *Fast of Tamuz (Jewish).* * * * 308 years ago today was launched the *Blessing of the Bay*, first ship built in Boston. * * * Cornerstone of State House laid this day in 1795, with Gov. Samuel Adams and Free Mason Grand Master Paul Revere as principal figures. * * * This day in 1911 was the hottest ever recorded by weather bureau in Boston—104°.

5

Sun rises: 4:13
sets: 7:23

High water: 1:09 A.M.
1:44 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Harvard Summer School opens today.* * * * The 5th and 38th regiments arrived from England on this day in 1775 and were greeted with a notable lack of enthusiasm by J. Hancock, S. Adams, and their many irate friends. * * * In 1802 the Middlesex Canal was formally opened. * * * Several responsible citizens saw a sea serpent off Nahant this day in 1833.

6

Sun rises: 4:14
sets: 7:23

High water: 1:52 A.M.
2:23 P.M.

THURSDAY. In 1853 journeyman bakers were talking seriously of striking for a \$2 increase in the average weekly pay rate of \$10. * * * In 1865 Major Robert Anderson, formerly of Fort Sumter, S. C., was in town. * * * Denton T. (Cy) Young, the Boston American pitcher, was really "mowin' 'em down" in 1902. By this date he had already won 17 games and was leading both leagues.

7

Sun rises: 4:14
sets: 7:23

High water: 2:36 A.M.
3:05 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Only 139 more shopping days to Christmas.* * * * The most disgusted man in town on this day in 1832 was Constable Thomas W. Stoddard of Hingham, who while on a visit to the big city had his pockets picked clean. The rascals even got his warrant as a constable. * * * In 1849 local Germans were busily recruiting a troop to aid in the revolution at home.

*Babes that are cute
Hardly need a debut*

8

Sun rises: 4:15
sets: 7:22

High water: 3:20 A.M.
3:49 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Hot, ain't it?* * * * On this day in 1870, the *Post* livened up its obituary notices with the statement "Nathaniel Wilson, the well known living skeleton, died at his home last Friday." * * * In 1889, after 75 rounds of thumping at Richburg, Miss., the last bare knuckle heavyweight championship battle ended when John L. Sullivan, the "Boston Strong Boy" knocked out Jake Kilrain, also of Boston and no weakling himself. * * * This day in 1918, State Rep. Morrill, optimistic lone Socialist in the House, announced that on the following day he would introduce a bill to abolish the Senate.

On July 3, 1728, Benjamin Woodbridge and Henry Phillips, after a little serious drinking, decided they did not like each other much and repaired to the Common where they fought the first duel in Boston. Woodbridge was fatally wounded; Phillips, aided by relatives and Peter Faneuil, escaped to France on the man-of-war *Sheerness*. The town was seething over the event and the following day many stringent laws were enacted to prevent or punish future dueling. Even those killed in dueling were to be punished by denial of Christian burial. They were to be interred near the place of public execution with a stake driven through the body.



JULY



I do not love thee, hot July,
With molten sun and brazen sky.
I'm dazzled by my sunburned beezer—
A murrain on thee, month of Caesar.

9

Sun rises: 4:15
sets: 7:22

High water: 4:07 A.M.
4:36 P.M.

SUNDAY. The prudent householder will see to it that the windows are closed before leaving for the office this morning. It may rain. It did in 1878, anyway—came down in torrents, while lightning struck forty buildings and scattered debris throughout the city. This was a zephyr compared with July 9, 1921, however, when 6.04 inches fell in twenty hours and lightning struck in more than 100 places.

10

Sun rises: 4:16
sets: 7:22

High water: 4:58 A.M.
5:27 P.M.

MONDAY. Well, were we right about that rain? or weren't we? * * * In 1826, Bostonians first heard on this day of the death of Thomas Jefferson on the 4th of July preceding. * * * In 1853, the fishing was good from the Craigie Bridge. Somebody caught a shark, if we remember correctly. * * * In 1935, magnificent Suffolk Downs opened with 35,000 hopefuls trying to outguess the horses, the jockeys, the owners, the trainers and the 10% machines. Many were called but few were chosen.

Stretch Call

*Deceiving colt! Oh, loathsome foal!
You fainted at the furlong pole.*

11

Sun rises: 4:17
sets: 7:21

High water: 5:54 A.M.
6:18 P.M.

TUESDAY. John Quincy Adams born in 1767. * * * It was hot on this day in 1849, too. The thermometer at the corner of Milk and Washington Sts. was registering 99.5°. * * * In 1897, the mid-summer styles were bowling the more susceptible males over—what with spinnaker sleeves, hippodromes, trains and fancy neckpieces leaving *everything* to the imagination.

12

Sun rises: 4:18
sets: 7:21

High water: 6:50 A.M.
7:11 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. With the British in complete possession of the town on this day in 1775, Bostonians held their town meeting in Concord. * * * In 1828, the aldermen ordered a five-minute limit for omnibus parking and exactly 100 years later the *Traveler* was carrying another bus story on its front page. The amazing feat of a woman who had crossed the entire continent on one. * * * Dial telephones first used in Metropolitan Boston on the Aspinwall exchange this day in 1923.

13

Sun rises: 4:18
sets: 7:20

High water: 7:45 A.M.
8:04 P.M.

THURSDAY. In 1839, there was a memorable hail storm in Waltham on this day. Some of the stones were six inches in circumference. * * * The public was getting fed up with traction agents who wanted to lay horse car tracks on every main street in the city in 1853. * * * In 1907, more than twenty auto speeders were caught in the Hull highway trap. Some of these conscienceless fiends were doing almost 20 m.p.h.

14

Sun rises: 4:19
sets: 7:20

High water: 8:40 A.M.
8:57 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Bastille Day.* * * * In 1826, the town was scandalized to find that the cows pastured on the Common were on a jag from eating waste rum currants. * * * Conscription riots in the North End this day in 1863, instigated and led by women. * * * In 1874, General Tom Thumb was here and on this day in 1929 the first open air Esplanade Concert by members of the Boston Symphony took place.

15

Sun rises: 4:20
sets: 7:19

High water: 9:34 A.M.
9:49 P.M.

SATURDAY. *St. Swithin's Day.* * * * *Trout Season closes.* * * * In 1849, the tailors were threatening to organize. They objected to working 16 hours a day for an average daily wage of 65 cents. * * * The kissing bug was bothering everybody in 1899. * * * Franklin Square House formally opened this day in 1902. * * * Total eclipse of the moon this day in 1935.

Of the many hair-raising treatments used by early Colonial medicos in their battle with New England diseases (chief of which, according to John Josselyn, were "The black pox, the spotted fever, the griping of the guts, the dropsie and the sciatica") none were more wistfully wackie than that recommended by Sir Kenelm Digby, in his letter of Jan. 26, 1656 to John Winthrop.

"For Ulcers and broken bones, beat to a powder one ounce of crabs' eyes, then put it in a high glass with four ounces of strong vinegar. Boil it, then let it stand till all is quiet, then strain it through a fine linen: and of this liquor (which will then taste like dead beer without any sharpness) give two spoonfulls at a time to drink three times; and you shall see a strange effect in a week or two."



JULY



Whenas in shorts my Julia goes
Then, then to my surprise, she shows
Both knees that knock and pigeon toes.

16

Sun rises: 4:21
sets: 7:18

High water: 10:26 A.M.
10:40 P.M.

SUNDAY. This day in 1722, Governor Shute proclaimed a General Fast—"that the Indians . . . may be restrained from making further insults on His Majesties good Subjects, by destroying their substance, and carrying them into a Cruel Captivity, and that the Pirates, *those Sons of Violence*, may be prevented from doing any further mischief on our Sea-Coasts." * * * In 1834, the Harvard faculty was peeved at the senior class and refused to attend the valedictory on this day.

17

Sun rises: 4:22
sets: 7:17

High water: 11:17 A.M.
11:32 P.M.

MONDAY. The *Boston Gazette* for this date in 1769 was pretty worried about "a small red cow strayed away from the common." * * * In 1854, the Mass. Emigrant Society was waving goodbye to its first batch of settlers on the way to "Bleeding Kansas." * * * Point to remember: Highest point in the city is the top of the Custom House tower, which is exactly 510.71 feet above mean low water.

18

Sun rises: 4:22
sets: 7:17

High water: 12:08 P.M.

TUESDAY. This day in 1776, the Declaration of Independence was first read to the townspeople from the balcony of the Town House (Old State House). The Lion and the Unicorn was ripped from the building and joyously burned. * * * In 1828, one Asa Paine had one big pain after devouring five quarts of green peas, six bunches of radishes, and four heads of "sallat." He won the bet, though.

19

Sun rises: 4:23
sets: 7:16

High water: 12:25 A.M.
12:59 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. The versatile Mr. Paul Revere was advertising as a dentist on this day in 1770. * * * In 1828, there was a big stage coach war in progress. An "opposition" line was running an 11-hour flyer between Boston and Concord, N. H. * * * In 1849, Roxbury Neck was a stylish and thriving summer resort.

20

Sun rises: 4:24
sets: 7:15

High water: 1:19 A.M.
1:52 P.M.

THURSDAY. On this day in 1704 the *Boston News Letter* reported the death of Capt. Peregrine White, born 84 years before in Cape Cod Bay on the *Mayflower*. "Although he was in the former part of his life extravagant; yet he was much reformed in his last years and died hopefully."

* * * First Cunarder, the *Britannia*, entered Boston harbor this day in 1840 and—oh, yes! Well reputed citizens saw a sea serpent off Marblehead this day in 1897.

*Friend, let us meditate upon
Tom Collins and his brother John.*

21

Sun rises: 4:25
sets: 7:14

High water: 2:12 A.M.
2:46 P.M.

FRIDAY. At a mass meeting at Faneuil Hall on this day in 1779 it was decided that "any person refusing continental money to be considered an enemy." Which was certainly penalizing common sense. * * * Point to remember: In 1824 the "Take" for dog and cow licenses amounted to \$3,247. * * * In 1828 the radical modernist Frances Wright was advocating companionate marriage and on this day in 1833 the American Peace Society offered \$1,000 for a "perfect" plan for world peace.

22

Sun rises: 4:26
sets: 7:13

High water: 3:09 A.M.
3:41 P.M.

SATURDAY. If the above doesn't convince you that "There's nothing new, etc." please be advised that there was a "Bee Hive" in Boston long before Bob Quinn's arrival. It was on Prince Street and did quite a business until an irate mob wrecked it on this day in 1825. * * * The cholera epidemic was spreading rapidly at this time in 1849. * * * Those of the upper crust who weren't too scared to think were purple in the face over the bathing beauty illustration in the current Godey's Lady Book.

The Middlesex Canal was 27 miles long with eight different levels varying from one to six miles in length and connected by 16 locks. Five other locks provided access to the Merrimack, Concord, Charles and Mystic Rivers. The opening of the Canal in 1802 brought a new era in transportation and in recreation, too. In summer the tow path was a veritable Lover's Lane and in the winter the Canal bed was a paradise for ice-skaters, with parties frequently making the trip from Boston to Lowell and return in an afternoon and evening.



JULY



Indubitable

Boston State-house is the hub of the solar system. You couldn't pry that out of a Boston man if you had the tire of all creation straightened out for a crow-bar.

O. W. Holmes •

23

Sun rises: 4:27
sets: 7:13

High water: 4:07 A.M.
4:39 P.M.

SUNDAY. On this day in 1739 the *Post* carried the following intriguing notice, "Any person that wants a wet-nurse in a Family, may hear of one with a good Breast of Milk, that can be well recommended by the Printer. N.B. She is a married woman, but her Husband is abroad; is a notable Housewife, and willing to put her hand to any sort of business. *A very rare thing in a nurse.*" * * * On this day in 1842 the capstone of Bunker Hill monument was put in place. * * * In 1853 the Constitutional Convention established a Council for the Governor—and—oh, yes! A whole crowd of responsible citizens saw a mermaid with golden hair on the rocks off Marine Park, South Boston, on this day in 1909.

24

Sun rises: 4:28
sets: 7:12

High water: 5:07 A.M.
5:39 P.M.

MONDAY. Mr. Samuel Brackenbury predicted "some smart thunder" for this day in 1667. We don't know how he came out on this, but our aching bunions tell us it'll rain today. * * * On this day in 1938 the Boston Lightkeeper had broken a 222-year-old record by blowing his fog horn 7,320 times in the preceding 61 hours.

25

Sun rises: 4:29
sets: 7:11

High water: 6:12 A.M.
6:39 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Fast of Ab (Jewish).* * * * This day in 1839 officials in charge of the afternoon concerts on the Common were ordered to see that no "children under 19 years of age" were lost. * * * In 1861 the Common was being used for other purposes. War meetings were held here and the Old South Church was a recruiting station. * * * The bonds of matrimony were being strained to the breaking point at this time in 1897 what with some hussies not wearing stockings while bathing on public beaches and the Yukon gold rush and all.

26

Sun rises: 4:30
sets: 7:10

High water: 7:15 A.M.
7:38 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. It was decided to pave Washington St. with wood blocks instead of cobblestones this day in 1853. * * * In 1921 the Ponzi "get rich quick" bubble was bursting all over the place on this day. * * * *Advice to crap-shooters:* It may not improve your game to know it, but you have one chance in six to throw a seven, one chance in eighteen to throw an eleven, on any given roll. In other words, the odds are nine to two against your winning on the first toss of the bones.

27

Sun rises: 4:31
sets: 7:09

High water: 8:16 A.M.
8:33 P.M.

THURSDAY. Most important arrivals in town this day in 1660 were Edward Whalley and William Goffe, the regicides. * * * This day in 1847 iron seats replaced wooden ones on the Common. Confirmed whittlers were disgusted. The pigeons didn't seem to notice any difference. * * * In 1853 Lords and Ladies were as thick as flies at the Tremont House, according to the *Traveller*.

*Few glamorous wenches
Are found on park benches.*

28

Sun rises: 4:32
sets: 7:08

High water: 9:10 A.M.
9:23 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Weather: Hot.* * * * The Anti-Sabbath Travel League was formed this day in 1828, if you care. * * * In 1897 there was a deluge of rain on this day in Boston, with a snow storm in some nearby towns. * * * In 1903 Bostonians were staring in amazement at the new horseless fire engine at the Bristol St. Station.

29

Sun rises: 4:33
sets: 7:07

High water: 9:57 A.M.
10:08 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Weather: Hotter.* * * * Castle Island fortified on this day in 1634. * * * In 1849 the Brook Farmers were doing very well, the *Traveller* reported, * * * Fashion decreed lower stocks for men at this time in 1853, and those who had ear-lobes exposed them to the light of day. * * * Eclipse of the sun in 1878.

The Indian Wowaus, known to the English as "James, the Printer," had been invaluable to Eliot in the printing of the Indian Bible, being the only person able to set up and correct proofs. When King Philip's War broke out, however, he turned his talents to other fields. He decorated the trees of the forest with his pidgin English taunts and in July, 1676, sent the following to the Governor and Council at Boston: "All you fine houses you lost, and you Squaws and you child. You eyes much big with crying, and now on your back-side stand."



JULY



Our Favorite Epitaph

JONA. MANN

Born Dec. 7, 1786 Died April 23, 1873

His truthfulness no one doubted.

He was very poor, consequently not respected.

30

Sun rises: 4:34
sets: 7:06

High water: 10:40 A.M.
10:49 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Weather: More hotter.* * * * *Feast of St. Joseph, Italian festival on Hanover Street, near Battery.* * * * First Lodge of Free Masons in New England (and maybe in America) organized this day in 1733 by Henry Price at the "Bunch of Grapes" tavern. * * * According to the *Columbian Centinel* for this day in 1800 "an infancy of indulgence produces a youth of dissipation, a manhood of insignificance and an old age of contempt."

31

Sun rises: 4:35
sets: 7:05

High water: 11:20 A.M.
11:28 P.M.

MONDAY. *Weather: Well, is it hot enough for you?* * * * After nine years in office during which time he had irritated everybody and raised hell generally, Governor Bernard was recalled to England on this day in 1769. * * * On this day in 1907 the new \$3,000,000 Longfellow Bridge was dedicated. * * * Point to remember: In the Presidential election of 1904, Massachusetts gave 4,286 votes to the Prohibition Party's candidate, whose name was, of all things, Swallow.

AUGUST

1

Sun rises: 4:36
sets: 7:04

High water: 11:56 A.M.

TUESDAY. *Lammas Day.* * * * First breach of promise case in America this day in 1633, when the Court ordered "that Joyce Bradwicke shall give unto Alex. Becke the sum twenty shillings, for promising him marriage without her friend's consent, and now refusing to performe the same." * * * In 1933 the first Blue Eagles made their appearance.

2

Sun rises: 4:37
sets: 7:03

High water: 12:05 A.M.
12:33 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. In 1841, you could have got a real bargain from L. G. Gaskill, at 33 Washington Street, in "Cambridge Cloths, Crape Camlets, Princettas, Erminetts, Gambroons and Neopolitane Cloths," while the furniture house at 2 Union Street (upstairs) would, for a small payment in advance, "fill up your house with furniture and wait patiently for the remainder." * * * First street collection letter boxes in America installed in Boston in 1858. No home deliveries yet, though.

3

Sun rises: 4:38
sets: 7:02

High water: 12:43 A.M.
1:10 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Koussevitzky and the Symphony are at "Tanglewood" until the 13th.* * * * On this day 447 years ago three ships left Palos, Spain, heading westward. * * * The use of opium was becoming a very strong habit with many prominent Bostonians in 1834, and there was a loud demand for regulatory laws. * * * Point to remember: While the average life expectancy has greatly extended in the last 75 years, that of U. S. Presidents has decreased. Before 1860 it was 73.8 years; since then, 62.4 years. From Washington to Roosevelt it averages 68.3.

4

Sun rises: 4:39
sets: 7:01

High water: 1:22 A.M.
1:48 P.M.

FRIDAY. Despite jeers and jibes Henry Sargent and others petitioned for a Railroad terminal site on this day in 1827. * * * Any number of really dependable people saw a sea serpent cavorting merrily along the coast between Boston and Portsmouth on this day in 1830. * * * Shirley Temple was made Admiral of the Swan Boat Fleet in the Public Garden in 1938.

*For safety's sake, dear Comrade Temple
Please cover that subversive dimple!*

5

Sun rises: 4:40
sets: 7:00

High water: 2:03 A.M.
2:28 P.M.

SATURDAY. Born this day in 1604 John Eliot, "Apostle to the Indians." * * * It took only 36 hours to get to Philadelphia in 1827 by stage-coach, boat and another stage-coach. * * * On this day in 1877 there were 2332 licensed liquor purveyors in the city.

On the books of the General Court for some time, and up for revival as far as we're concerned, "Ye mocion to sing shall ye firste; and let it bee right saintlie."



AUGUST



Oh, I would go down to the sea again—
But never again without a top
To those abbreviated trunks
That so enraged a certain cop.

6

Sun rises: 4:41
sets: 6:58

High water: 2:44 A.M.
3:10 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Feast of the Transfiguration.* * * * In 1855 the city was annoyed by a gang of rowdies who were breaking the monotony of the long summer evenings by beating up the police in Essex Street. Another minor irritation was the number of mosquitoes about. Favorite remedy was the application of moistened cigar ashes to the injured spot.

7

Sun rises: 4:42
sets: 6:57

High water: 3:29 A.M.
3:55 P.M.

MONDAY. The West Point cadets made their first visit to town on this day in 1821. Everybody turned out to see them march, including a lot of folks from the neighboring towns. * * * Boston was all stirred up in 1880 over the prospect of the construction of an elevated railway.

8

Sun rises: 4:43
sets: 6:55

High water: 4:20 A.M.
4:46 P.M.

TUESDAY. New England Rum was retailing at 35¢ a gallon in 1827. Gentlemen were expected to bring their own containers. * * * Spiritualist mediums were holding a convention in Washington Hall in 1852. * * * The four best-sellers locally in 1910 were *Simon the Jester* by William J. Locke, *Nathan Burke* by Mary Watts, *The Rosary* by Florence Barclay, and *The Depot Master* by Joseph T. Lincoln.

9

Sun rises: 4:44
sets: 6:54

High water: 5:19 A.M.
5:40 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. All business suspended this day in 1642. Everybody who was anybody was over at "Newetowne" where the college was holding its first commencement. * * * A "Dreadful fate awaits those who travel by proposed steam railways," it was dispassionately predicted on this day in 1827 by a Stage Line publication.

10

Sun rises: 4:45
sets: 6:53

High water: 6:16 A.M.
6:38 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Feast of St. Lawrence.* * * * On this day in 1902 the Reverend William Hyde announced that he had traced the descent of King Edward of England straight from the Biblical King David. * * * In 1934 agitation was beginning for the repeal of the 1880 law which banned shorts by insisting that women sportsmen be covered from neck to knee.

11

Sun rises: 4:46
sets: 6:52

High water: 7:15 A.M.
7:35 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Weather: No weather today.* * * * *Italian Festival: Maria Santissima Della Cava—held on Hanover Street, near Battery.* * * * This day in 1827 the Editor of the *Traveller* boiled over at the scandalous behavior of some "old ladies." He called them "perambulating amalgamations of the ornaments and habiliments of youth, clashing with the mournful realities of age." Which was coming right out.

12

Sun rises: 4:47
sets: 6:50

High water: 8:14 A.M.
8:33 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Weather: No weather again today! This is terrible!* * * * A bull market in the book trade this day in 1726 with the publication of *A Short Discourse showing that all that Unconverted men do is Sin*, (Gen. 6:5), *giving a rational account of how it comes to pass.* * * * Style note: Hairdressing in 1880,—long coils interlaced with pearls—or near-pearls.

On August 5, 1632, Mecumel, one of the great sachems of the Narragansetts, "came down to Boston to make peace or a league with the English either out of fear or love." It was Sunday and he and his party went to the English meeting-house. Three of the Indians became so hungry during the course of the long sermon that they sneaked out and broke into a private home to rustle up a little chow. For this the sachem promptly ran them out of town.



AUGUST



Nice Baby

Here's to my thrifty wife who'll roam
The basements and neglect her home,
Hoping to find at \$1.98
My two-dollar shirts—and she'll take eight!

13

Sun rises: 4:48
sets: 6:49

High water: 9:11 A.M.
9:28 P.M.

SUNDAY. On this day in 1812 the point was put very clearly: "In case of riot they (100 special watchmen) are to toll the bells,—all military companies, magistrates and constables will hold themselves in readiness; *and all boys or apprentices who do not wish to be considered rioters will remain indoors.*" * * * The Boston Athletic Association shut up its clubhouse on this day in 1935.

14

Sun rises: 4:49
sets: 6:48

High water: 10:04 A.M.
10:23 P.M.

MONDAY. On this day in 1693 Jennie Lightheifer, half-Indian maid-servant, confounded all bystanders by standing on her head beside the town pump. Her mistress was summoned and Jennie was led away. Jennie's explanation, "I wanted to see how things looked." Her report, "Just like ordinary, only the other way round." * * * Smokers were called shocking names on this day in 1855 as another anti-smoking crusade got under way.

15

Sun rises: 4:50
sets: 6:47

High water: 10:55 A.M.
11:15 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.* * * * John Sampson and William Hudson were on this day in 1636 appointed "Water-balies to see that noe annoying things, eyther by fish, wood or stone, be left about ye sea shore." * * * Boston was guffawing in 1852, when 55 Indianmen came into port. Only 28 went to New York.

16

Sun rises: 4:15
sets: 6:45

High water: 11:46 A.M.

WEDNESDAY. When Thomas Salter died in 1714, his heirs gave him a good send-off. One item on the funeral bill was for 33 gallons of wine. And when they said wine in those days, they meant hard liquor. * * * The *Traveller* unbended enough on this day in 1830 to observe that "There is still much liberality and enterprise in Salem." Word had come that the Salem Lyceum was to have a suitable building.

17

Sun rises: 4:52
sets: 6:44

High water: 12:07 A.M.
12:37 P.M.

THURSDAY. The police purity squad announced on this day in 1902 that policy and other gambling rackets were to be banned from Boston forever. Since that date not a single Bostonian has played a number straight, box or bleeder. * * * In 1937, the Federal Writers' Project's *Massachusetts Guide* appeared, thus precipitating a major crisis in the government of the Commonwealth.

18

Sun rises: 4:53
sets: 6:42

High water: 1:00 A.M.
1:28 P.M.

FRIDAY. *If you missed the Dahlias at Horticultural Hall yesterday, this is your last chance.* * * * On this day in 1731 the Great and General Court published Three Acts. 1. For the better curing and culling of fish. 2. For better regulating swine. 3. For Encouraging the killing of Wild Cats. * * * In 1936, Mr. Jack Sharkey of Boston and Mr. Joe Louis of Detroit got together in a New York Baseball park. Mr. Sharkey turned out to be better at catching than pitching and got that tired feeling in the 3rd inning.

19

Sun rises: 4:54
sets: 6:41

High water: 1:53 A.M.
2:21 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Italian Festival: Madonna del Soccorso—held on North Street, near Fleet.* * * * Hanged this day in Salem in 1692, George Burrough, John Willard, Jno. Proctor, Martha Carrier and George Jacobs. * * * Much rejoicing among males in 1877 at the news that "Stupid senseless fashion of gloves for men," said to be doomed. * * * Alice Roosevelt, a friend, and a chauffeur made a motor trip on this day in 1902 from Newport to Boston in a little less than six hours. Popular rocking chair query: What will that Roosevelt girl do next?

T-Wharf Soliloquy

*Little artist on the wharf,
Don't you think you've done enorf?*

An addition to the many humane and charitable organizations of the city was made on Nov. 10, 1901, when an Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Coachmen and Cabmen was formed. The Women's Temperance Society, of which Bishop Lawrence was president, undertook the work of organizing the group. The object of the Association was to counteract as far as possible the prevailing custom of liquor drinking by these often overworked drivers.



AUGUST



There was an old lady in Dorchester
Who used to sit out on her porchester,
Till along came a spider
And sat down beside her—
And as far as I know, they are still rocking
back and forth on her porchester.

20

Sun rises: 4:55
sets: 6:39

High water: 2:48 A.M.
3:15 P.M.

SUNDAY. On this date in 1834 a girl who had pulled the nose of a writing master in the Wells School cheerfully paid a fine of \$1. * * * One of the earliest mass flights of war planes over the city occurred this day in 1923 when 21 army flyers from Langley Field, Va., astounded the looker uppers. * * * New North Station opened in 1928 with overpowering ceremonies.

21

Sun rises: 4:56
sets: 6:38

High water: 3:45 A.M.
4:11 P.M.

MONDAY. *Four-day National Convention of Postal Supervisors opens at the Statler.* * * * Press notice this day in 1729, "Powers Marriott, Boston Banker, has lost his wig; it is a light, flaxen, natural one, parted from forehead to crown. The ribbon is red-pink in color. Information about said Wigg will make you richer by twenty shillings." * * * An installment agent supported by constables arrived at 517 Columbus Avenue on this day in 1884. They were met by several embattled females. Items involved: pistol, hatchet, dog, teeth.

22

Sun rises: 4:58
sets: 6:36

High water: 4:45 A.M.
5:12 P.M.

TUESDAY. Boston's most famous weather vane, the grasshopper on Faneuil Hall, was taken down this day in 1827 and regilded for the first time in 66 years. * * * Reverend George C. Weems accused this day in 1887 of conduct both unclerical and out of season. Charged with pinching a fur coat from the State House.

23

Sun rises: 4:59
sets: 6:35

High water: 5:47 A.M.
6:12 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. Fair and reassuring warning in 1753, "There are now passing among us counterfeit half Pistareens; they are white, will easily bend and may be known to be bad by Persons of very little judgment if they view 'em with any Attention." * * * Sentence was executed this day in 1927 on the bodies of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.

24

Sun rises: 5:00
sets: 6:33

High water: 6:51 A.M.
7:12 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Weather: Still hot, with three big clouds and 37 little white clouds.* * * * In 1789, a careful census showed that Boston had 2,639 houses, stores and public buildings, exclusive of sugar houses, distilleries, rope walks, stables, and little white clouds. * * * Huge horse-loving crowd in 1859 at South End Park. Mare Flora Temple won three straight heats over Princess. Best time: 2.26½.

25

Sun rises: 5:01
sets: 6:31

High water: 7:51 A.M.
8:10 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Italian Festival: San Antonio di Padova—held on North Margin Street.* * * * A killing frost this day in 1884. * * * President Theodore Roosevelt in town this day in 1902. Dinner for him at the Touraine. * * * Point to remember: A good way to regulate the temperature of the water in your bath-tub is to poke your hand in from time to time and then twist the faucet to suit.

26

Sun rises: 5:02
sets: 6:30

High water: 8:45 A.M.
9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY. 244 of the 755 vessels that left Atlantic ports for California during the gold rush of 1849 sailed from Massachusetts, the greater part of them from Boston. * * * Hundreds went to Quincy this day in 1911 to witness the launching of the *Rivadavia*, largest battleship in the world. For the Argentine, of all places.

On August 27, 1640, the ship *Mary Rose*, out of Bristol and carrying 21 barrels of gunpowder, was blown up in Boston Harbor, "making of itself a great disaster." All of the fifteen persons aboard were killed except one, who "being carried up in a scuttle and so let fall in the same into the water, and being taken up in the ferry boat, near dead, he came to himself the next morning but could not tell anything of the blowing up of the ship or how he came there."



AUGUST



The first printing press in the Colony was set up and operated by Stephen Daye at Cambridge in 1640. *The Freeman's Oath* was the first thing printed, followed by an *Almanack for New England* by Capt. William Pierce, Marriner, and the *Psalms*, "newly turned into meter."

27

Sun rises: 5:03
sets: 6:28

High water: 9:32 A.M.
9:45 P.M.

SUNDAY. Mr. Henry Dunster chosen to be first president of "their new Harvard Colledge" by the ministers of the colony this day in 1640. * * * Said Lafayette to the people of Boston on this day in 1824, "The emotions of love and gratitude which I have been accustomed to feel on entering this city, have ever been mingled with a sense of religious reverence for the cradle of 'American,' and, let me hope, it will hereafter be said 'Universal,' liberty."

28

Sun rises: 5:04
sets: 6:27

High water: 10:13 A.M.
10:26 P.M.

MONDAY. *The Red Sox might win today, maybe, I hope.* * * * On this day in 1834 Professor Durant flew from Boston Common to Mount Auburn. He was wearing a balloon. * * * Attorney-General Knowlton on this day in 1905 let the women bathers have it straight from the shoulder. He called their shoreside activities "indecent wallowing in the sand."

29

Sun rises: 5:05
sets: 6:25

High water: 10:50 A.M.
11:02 P.M.

TUESDAY. Oliver Wendell Holmes born in 1809. * * * Boston gave ex-President Franklin Pierce a great welcome this day in 1859 at the Tremont House. He was just back from a European tour. * * * The world's champion bigamist was believed to be in town in 1905. Boston police were asked to arrest Dr. George A. Witzhoff on sight. He was accused of having married 500 women.

30

Sun rises: 5:06
sets: 6:23

High water: 11:26 A.M.
11:40 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. Dr. John W. Webster was hanged this day in 1850 for the murder of Dr. George Parkman on the 23rd of the previous November at the Medical College. * * * Point to remember: 11,504 Bostonians died during 1936, which figures out to be a death rate of 13.9 per 1000 population. Since 1910 the rate for the entire State has been 13.2.

31

Sun rises: 5:07
sets: 6:21

High water: 12:01 P.M.

THURSDAY. Boston went to Revere on this day in 1902 to see Carrie Nation and hear her pious remarks about men and things. She called Teddy a "beer-swiggling Dutchman." * * * Henry James dropped in, in 1904, after an absence of 20 years. * * * Total eclipse this day in 1932.

SEPTEMBER

1

Sun rises: 5:08
sets: 6:20

High water: 12:16 A.M.
12:36 P.M.

FRIDAY. On this day in 1833 Alexander Black was in court for "cruelly striking his wife." He was fined \$3.33, which seems to us an intriguing sum, fraught with all kinds of interesting possibilities for the mathematically minded. * * * First subway in U. S., from Boylston St. to Park St. opened this day in 1897. * * * 60,000 at Braves Field this day in 1933 to see Boston play a double-header against New York. The Giants—durn 'em—won both, 2-0 and 5-3.

2

Sun rises: 5:09
sets: 6:18

High water: 12:54 A.M.
1:13 P.M.

SATURDAY. On this day in 1826 the continued violation of the old law against masquerade balls brought an order to the police to arrest all attendants of such shindigs as "revellers." * * * Mrs. Frank H. Millet, 18, made an informal women's diving record this day in 1905. Her start was a run at Marston's Coal Wharf near the Dover Street Bridge. Her stop was the harbor 95 feet below.

Among the hundreds of early automobile speeding cases (all of which now seem to be lifted directly from a comic opera libretto) none is more completely satisfying than that involving a Mr. C. H. Cole of Middletown, Conn., who, on Sept. 3, 1904, was in Boston Municipal Court charged with attempting "to melt the asphalt on Commonwealth Avenue" the previous afternoon. Patrolman Hyde of Station 16 said Cole was doing not less than 19 miles an hour, and that "it made his (Hyde's) hair stand on end" just to see it. Cole's excuse was that his brakes were out of order and he had not dared to use them coming down the hill. He then added a deft touch by admitting shyly that his outrageous speed was due in part to Boston's magnificent roads. He paid a fine of five dollars.



SEPTEMBER



O paradoxical Labor Day,
Whose hours are consecrate to play,
We toil not, neither do we spin
When thy fair dawn is ushered in.

3

Sun rises: 5:10
sets: 6:16

High water: 1:34 A.M.
1:52 P.M.

SUNDAY. On this day in 1633 "Robert Coles is fined ten shillings and enjoined to stand with a white sheet of paper on his backe, *wherein 'a drunkard' shall be written in great letters*, and to stand therewith as long as the Court thinks meete, for abuseing himself shamefully with drinke, inticeing John Shotswells wife to incontinency and other misdemeanor." * * * Ship to shore air-mail service began this day in 1928 when mail was flown from the *Ile de France*, off Halifax, to Boston.

4

Sun rises: 5:11
sets: 6:14

High water: 2:15 A.M.
2:34 P.M.

MONDAY. *Labor Day.* * * * *Annual Scottish games today at Caledonia Grove.* * * * The General Court in 1632 required Sagamore John, "a tractable Indian," to promise that "the next year and forever after he would fence his corn against all kinds of cattle." The corn was allergic to cattle, the cattle allergic to fences, and the Indians even more grievously allergic to the construction of fences. Hence. * * * Haley's comet over town this day in 1835. * * * A North Station policeman sized up a guy as a loafer, told him to move on, this day in 1905. It turned out to be the Hon. Elihu Root.

5

Sun rises: 5:12
sets: 6:13

High water: 3:01 A.M.
3:20 P.M.

TUESDAY. On this day in 1661 Eliot's translation of the New Testament into the Indian language was published. * * * Yellow fever broke out at the quarantine station here on this day in 1880. * * * In 1903 the police, equipped with the new-fangled flashlights, were out on the Charles after canoe-petters, despite defense counsel's plea against unlawful intrusion.

6

Sun rises: 5:13
sets: 6:11

High water: 3:51 A.M.
4:10 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. In 1636 "Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Aplegate (of Weymouth) was censured to stand with her tongue in a cleft stick for swearing, railing, and reviling." * * * Born today in 1757 the Marquis de Lafayette. * * * Yellow Day caused by forest fires in Michigan and Ontario in 1881, and it was followed by one of the hottest days on record.

7

Sun rises: 5:14
sets: 6:10

High water: 4:46 A.M.
5:08 P.M.

THURSDAY. *If all the minors who start back to public school today were laid end to end there'd be an awful howl from the S.P.C.C.* * * * Ordered this day in 1630 that Trimountaine shall be called Boston. It still is. * * * When Martin Walton, the notorious highwayman, died this day in 1859 in State Prison he left an account of his life written by himself. It was printed, too. And bound in his own skin. * * * This day in 1892 the Pride of Boston, John L. Sullivan, lost his last battle to James J. Corbett. The fight went 21 rounds.

8

Sun rises: 5:15
sets: 6:08

High water: 5:47 A.M.
6:10 P.M.

FRIDAY. The *Transcript* confided on this day in 1842 "We yesterday saw a little, smutty, ragged urchin apparently not more than eight or ten years of age, seated on a doorstep in the vicinity of Devonshire Street; sucking and puffing away at a 'long nine' with as complacent and satisfactory an air as ever Spaniard puffed Imperial trabuso; verily, this is an age of all sorts of things." A stop has been put to that sort of thing and to that sort of sentence. * * * The Boston airport opened in 1923.

9

Sun rises: 5:16
sets: 6:06

High water: 6:50 A.M.
7:11 P.M.

SATURDAY. The Judicial Court Memorandum for this day in 1787: One burglar to be hung; five female thieves to be whipped; *two big thieves* to sit on the gallows; one counterfeiter to stand in the pillory, and have right ear cut off. * * * The fact that a doctor, a dentist, an undertaker, and a coffin maker were on the same floor of a downtown office building made a good opening for a hot weather story on this day in 1855. * * * Boston Police strike began at 5:45 P.M. this day in 1919.

The earliest local record we have been able to find of a small vehicle disputing the right of way with a locomotive is a report of such an event at Newton on Sept. 1, 1834, when Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hird of Charlestown won a moral victory by derailing the engine and smashing two cars at a total cost of one horse and one buggy. Neither of the rugged individualists was injured.



SEPTEMBER



Some think Utopia,
Includes a Myopia.
But as to polo
I plead nolo.

10

Sun rises: 5:17
sets: 6:04

High water: 7:50 A.M.
8:11 P.M.

SUNDAY. L. Norcross of Dixfield, Maine, jumped into Boston Harbor several times on this day in 1834. He didn't get wet, though, and he didn't get arrested. He was demonstrating his new water-proof garment. * * * Bowdoin Square was the wickedest spot in the whole wide world, on September 10, 1905, according to divers clergymen who felt that they knew.

11

Sun rises: 5:19
sets: 6:03

High water: 8:48 A.M.
9:10 P.M.

MONDAY. *American Chemical Society Convention opens. Lasts through Friday.* * * * On THIS day in 1833 it was disclosed that Boston distilleries were producing 15,000 gallons of rum EVERY DAY. * * * The Ben Franklin statue arrived in town this day in 1856 and was set up in front of City Hall, as you can plainly see.

12

Sun rises: 5:20
sets: 6:01

High water: 9:43 A.M.
10:05 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Boston Furniture Show, Inc. opens today at Mechanics Building and lasts until the 16th.* * * * The first local peaches were on the market this day in 1828 for such as were able to pay 3¢ per dozen. * * * Eminent citizens of Boston were loud in protest against women clad in men's attire, riding high-wheeled bicycles, on this day in 1884.

13

Sun rises: 5:21
sets: 5:59

High water: 10:34 A.M.
10:58 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. The Anti-Masonic Convention in session here on this day in 1833 nominated John Quincy Adams for Governor. * * * This day in 1835 Southerners offered a \$5,000 reward for the arrest of Garrison or anyone handling his *Liberator*. * * * In 1876 the British recaptured Boston. Bigger crowds were reported to be at cricket matches than at baseball games.

14

Sun rises: 5:22
sets: 5:57

High water: 11:25 A.M.
11:50 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Beginning of Jewish New Year: Rosh Hashonah.* * * * John Harvard died this day in 1638, leaving 400 books, 769 pounds, 17 shillings and tuppence, all for the "colledge at Newetowne." * * * Wilmot's All-Wool Diagonal Overcoats were only \$5. apiece this day in 1883.

15

Sun rises: 5:23
sets: 5:55

High water: 12:14 P.M.

FRIDAY. In 1798 you could, if it suited your fancy, have bought Jamaica Plain water from Solomon Monroe, "doing business near the fish market," for 30¢ a hogshead, 8¢ a barrel, and 1¢ a pailful. * * * On this day in 1815 occurred "The Great Gale." Shipping along the Coast was ruined; salt spray and sea birds driven twenty miles inland.

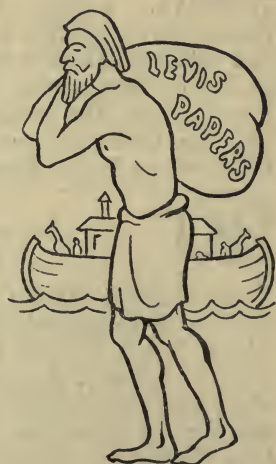
16

Sun rises: 5:24
sets: 5:54

High water: 12:41 A.M.
1:04 P.M.

SATURDAY. Boston, it was disclosed this day in 1858, was the headquarters for the best hair and whisker dye in the country. * * * Dr. L. Vernon Briggs, psychiatrist and authority on colonial history, went and did it on this day in 1935, when he said that the ancestors of some of Boston's best families came to this country as indentured servants.

That pedigree tracing and family pride are no new phenomenon in Boston life may be judged by the fact that in 1850 one Mr. Levis, driven to distraction by this genealogical snobbery, had himself painted a large picture of Noah boarding the Ark, carrying a big bundle plainly labeled "Papers belonging to the Levis family."



SEPTEMBER

Station Agent



Who has not parted from an affinity
At the Boston and Albany's Trinity?
And who has not hoped that she's back to stay,
At New York, New Haven and Hartford's
Back Bay?

R. S.

17

Sun rises: 5:25
sets: 5:52

High water: 1:33 A.M.
1:55 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Constitution Day.* * * * *Anniversary of Founding of Boston.* * * * *Gedaliah (Jewish).* * * * Gala doings here in 1830 to celebrate success of French revolution. * * * 300 disgusted emigrants left for the old country on one boat alone this day in 1856. * * * British merchantman, *Warrior*, came into port this day in 1896 with tales of horrible brutality. Master, mates and steward accused of all manner of cruelties, including training a giant wolf-hound to attack the sailors.

18

Sun rises: 5:26
sets: 5:50

High water: 2:26 A.M.
2:47 P.M.

MONDAY. A "select group of fifty" saw the Boston dog, "Smut," kill "Pete," a New Yorker, in a battle here on this day in 1884. "Smut" weighed 24 pounds, "Pete," 25. * * * Results of state survey made public this day in 1909 showed great growth in use of motor vehicles. 40% of all vehicles on the highways of Massachusetts were motor driven, the best horse drawn.

19

Sun rises: 5:27
sets: 5:48

High water: 3:21 A.M.
3:42 P.M.

TUESDAY. A party of Pilgrims anchored off Thompson's Island in Boston Harbor on this day in 1621. They looked all around but couldn't find anybody. There wasn't anybody there. * * * On this day in 1692 all Boston learned that the life of Giles Cory had been slowly pressed from his body. For contumacy. * * * One Benjamin Yerxa of Frederickton, New Brunswick, was in town this day in 1857 on a "toot." He lost \$1500 before he got through tooting.

20

Sun rises: 5:28
sets: 5:46

High water: 4:18 A.M.
4:40 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. USS *Constitution* refused to be launched this day in 1797, thereby disappointing a great crowd which had gathered at Noddle's Island. * * * This day in 1859 was one to warm the heart of the chilliest Puritan. A Cambridge man was charged with fraud in selling his load of hay. It contained 800 pounds of hay and 441 pounds of mud. The guy was an ex-dancing master. * * * "The Fortune Hunter," starring John Barrymore, was the big attraction at the Tremont Theatre in 1910.

21

Sun rises: 5:29
sets: 5:45

High water: 5:19 A.M.
5:41 P.M.

THURSDAY. A Boston lady received this day in 1827 a letter from an eminent Bostonian visiting in the South. It was hot down there, he reported, and apologized for writing to her in his shirt sleeves. * * * 40 square-riggers in port, this day in 1828. * * * This day in 1938 occurred "The Big Wind" in Boston. A 100-mile-an-hour hurricane killed 682 in New England, uprooted thousands of trees, blew over church steeples, played many weird pranks and caused damages estimated in the millions.

22

Sun rises: 5:30
sets: 5:43

High water: 6:21 A.M.
6:41 P.M.

FRIDAY. In 1740 a huge crowd had gathered in the Old South Church on this day to hear the famous Evangelist, George Whitefield. Suddenly it was believed that the timbers of the building were giving way, and in the rush to escape "several were trod to death, three died almost presently and others were grievously wounded." * * * Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes chortled softly on this day in 1855 when Ralph Waldo Emerson delivered an address before the Women's Rights Convention.

23

Sun rises: 5:31
sets: 5:41

High water: 7:19 A.M.
7:38 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Yom Kippur (Jewish)*. * * * They were still trying to launch the *Constitution* in 1797. * * * Mayor Sleeper of Roxbury was gathering his third crop of pears from this same tree on this day in 1858. * * * Anna Held exposed her shoulders on this day in 1896 to the blushes of the entire city of Boston. * * * You can set your clocks back to-night and recover that hour lost in April.

There was a three day "Railroad Jubilee" in town in September, 1851, to celebrate the facts that the State had spent \$54,000,000 on its railroad building program and that Boston was "united by rail and steam navigation with 13 states, the two Canadas and the lakes." President Fillmore and his cabinet were here; so was Lord Elgin, Gov. General of Canada, and his suite. Innumerable parades, speeches and receptions culminated in a grand feast on the Common parade ground.



SEPTEMBER



Writing anonymous letters was no sport for the faint-hearted in colonial days. If convicted, one was faced with this pleasant prospect: "He shall sit on the Gallows for . . . one Hour with a Rope about his neck, afterwards sit upon a Pillory and have one of his Ears cut off, then 3 years Imprisonment at Hard Labor. Every 3 months he shall be brought out and have 20 stripes upon the Naked Back."

24

Sun rises: 5:32

High water: 8:11 A.M.

sets: 5:39

8:29 P.M.

SUNDAY. The Oregon Colonization Society, seeking settlers for the West, opened an office in Charlestown Hall on this day in 1830. * * * Eben Wight of 45 Milk Street received this day in 1835 a shipment of 12,000 European leeches. * * * Point to remember: Boston Harbor covers an area of 47 sq. miles, exclusive of the islands. It includes all the tidewater within a line from Point Allerton to Point Shirley, which is really quite a lot of tidewater.

25

Sun rises: 5:33

High water: 8:57 A.M.

sets: 5:38

9:15 P.M.

MONDAY. *Exhibition of Japanese Screens at Boston Museum of Fine Arts until Nov. 25th.* * * * The first attempt to establish a newspaper in America was made in Boston on this day in 1690, when Benjamin Harris issued the only edition of *Publick Occurrences, both Forreign and Domestick.* Within twenty-four hours the paper was suppressed by the authorities. * * * On this day in 1834 cholera broke out in the South Boston House of Correction, claiming forty victims.

26

Sun rises: 5:34

High water: 9:38 A.M.

sets: 5:36

9:56 P.M.

TUESDAY. The Boston Academy of Music announced its opening for the fall term on this day in 1833. Tuition was \$5 a semester. * * * In 1884, \$34 a month would procure for you at the new Hotel Fellner, 595 Dudley Street, "Elegant five-room suites, steam heat, all improvements, with free passes on the railroads."

27

Sun rises: 5:35

High water: 10:16 A.M.

sets: 5:35

10:34 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Boston Globe Cooking School at Mechanics Building today, tomorrow and Friday.* * * * A great funeral was given on this day in 1909 to Major Nutt, beloved Dorchester midget. He was 3' 10½" tall, weighed 111 pounds, and was 67 years old at his death. His three children were of normal size, and his wife was 6' tall. * * * A year later a revolution, with T. R. as dictator, was predicted by the President of the Diamond Match Company.

28

Sun rises: 5:36
sets: 5:33

High water: 10:52 A.M.
11:11 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Tabernacles (Jewish)*. * * * John Wilkes Booth at the Old Howard on this day in 1853. * * * A company was formed on this day in 1853 to telegraph packages between Boston and New York. Pneumatic tubes were to be used, and it was estimated that the running time would be about 15 minutes. * * * Ho-hum, *The Police Gazette* and "similar" publications were banned by Boston newsdealers on this day in 1883.

29

Sun rises: 5:37
sets: 5:31

High water: 11:28 A.M.
11:48 P.M.

FRIDAY. The first Catholic Cathedral in Boston dedicated on this day in 1803, at the corner of Franklin and Devonshire Streets. * * * The finest and most costly collection of painting ever assembled in America (up to that time) on exhibition at the Athenaeum on this day in 1834. * * * William H. Vanderbilt was in town on this day in 1787, and State Street was on its best behavior. * * * "The best old age pension," said General Booth on this day in 1907, "is a family of good children, reared nobly."

*Goebbels is better off than Fell
He knows why—and knows full well.*
H. E. W.

30

Sun rises: 5:38
sets: 5:29

High water: 12:04 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Michaelmas. Lots of furniture will be moved around town today.* * * * The owners of omnibuses were complaining in 1852 that Dover Street hoodlums were accustomed at night to heave eggs at the bus drivers. * * * On this day in 1858 one Harris was reported wanted for "loving, looting, leaving, sundry women." * * * A magnificent new passenger coach on the Boston and Worcester railway was on view in Boston on this day in 1883. It had three ten-passenger compartments.

Opportunity was really thumping on the doors of ambitious young men on Nov. 9, 1630 when the General Court ordered that every Englishman who kills a wolf "Shall have one penny for every beast and horse, and one farthing for every weaned swine and goat in every plantation" and, further, that "Whoever will first give in his name to the Governor that he will undertake to set up a ferry between Boston and Charlestown, and begin the same . . . shall have one penny for every person, and one penny for every hundred pounds weight of goods he shall so transport."



OCTOBER



Resolved

Take back your brown October Ale,
September's benders left me pale,
I may be sad, but I'll be sober
Through every hour of October.

1

Sun rises: 5:40
sets: 5:28

High water: 12:26 A.M.
12:41 P.M.

SUNDAY. Out of New Bedford on this day in 1857 sailed a whaling vessel which numbered among its crew a George Washington, a John Adams and a Thomas Jefferson. The fo'c'stle was immediately christened the White House. * * * Point to remember: There are thirty-six islands in Boston Harbor of which Long Island, with an area of 216 acres, is the largest.

2

Sun rises: 5:41
sets: 5:26

High water: 1:05 A.M.
1:21 P.M.

MONDAY. 302nd Annual Fall Field Day, A and H Artillery Company. * * * N. E. A. A. and Irish American Boxing Matches, Monday evenings through May 1 at the Arena. * * * At a Boston lecture held this day in 1698, Cotton Mather was his usual gay self: "I suppose that many more than a thousand houses are to be seen on this little piece of ground, all filled with the undeserved favors of God." * * * Sam Adams died at the age of 81 in 1803.

3

Sun rises: 5:42
sets: 5:24

High water: 1:50 A.M.
2:04 P.M.

TUESDAY. The *Herald* departed from its grim preoccupation with world affairs this day in 1857 to abet a local orgy, announcing: "'Bonnie Scots!' By request the proprietor of the Blue Bonnet Saloon, 6 Odeon Avenue, will serve up a Scotch haggis this evening at 9 o'clock." * * * The great international peace congress met in 1904 at Tremont Temple to "settle" the Russo-Japanese War.

4

Sun rises: 5:43
sets: 5:22

High water: 2:37 A.M.
2:52 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.* * * * *Wrestling Matches tonight at the Arena.* * * * Boston University ladies fumed this day in 1897 when for the first time in the institution's history, masculine eyes gloated on the initiation ceremonies of Gamma Delta Sorority. * * * This day in 1929, the Federal Government abandoned Ft. Strong, last fortified island in Boston Harbor.

5

Sun rises: 5:44
sets: 5:21

High water: 3:30 A.M.
3:46 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Sh'mini Azereth (Jewish)*. * * * On this day in 1832 the *Traveller* forecasted trouble "unless the ruling class controlling politics expands vision and stops impeding reform and progress." * * * A local druggist was the talk of the town in 1895 with his display window full of nursing bottles and the slogan: "Give the little suckers a chance."

6

Sun rises: 5:45
sets: 5:19

High water: 4:26 A.M.
4:44 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Rejoicing in the Law (Jewish)*. * * * In 1857 the Boston ship *Pam Flush* hung up a record, having flashed from New York to Callao, Peru, in 78 days. * * * The *Post* beat the town this day in 1895 when it reported that Socialists were gradually permeating the trade union movement.

7

Sun rises: 5:46
sets: 5:18

High water: 5:29 A.M.
5:47 P.M.

SATURDAY. The *Constitution* was still refusing to go near the water in 1797. * * * In 1873, an attempt to annex Brookline was foiled on this day. * * * This day in 1931 approximately 3,000 longshoremen went on strike, tying up the Port of Boston; three years later to a day, 3,000 fishermen followed suit.

On Oct. 2, 1639 Mr. Winthrop recorded, "Mr. Hopkins, the Governor of Hartford upon Connecticut, came to Boston and brought his wife with him (a Godly young woman and of special parts) who had fallen into a sad infirmity, the loss of her understanding and reason, which had been growing upon her divers years, by occasion of her giving herself wholly to reading and writing, and had written many books. For if she had attended her household affairs, and such things as belong to women, and not gone out of her way and calling to meddle in such things as are proper for men, whose minds are stronger, etc. she had kept her wits, and might have improved them usefully in the plan God had set her."



OCTOBER



Boston "Society"
Abhors notoriety—
That's just one variety
Of Boston society.

M. E. H.

8

Sun rises: 5:47
sets: 5:16

High water: 6:29 A.M.
6:50 P.M.

SUNDAY. In 1662 the town ordered one Robert Nash, butcher, "to remove the Stinking garbage out of his yard, nere the street, and provide some other remote place for slaughter of Beasts, that such loathsome smells might be avoyded." * * * On this day in 1793 died the first Federal Governor of the Commonwealth, Gen. John Hancock, at the age of fifty-six.

9

Sun rises: 5:48
sets: 5:14

High water: 7:30 A.M.
7:52 P.M.

MONDAY. In 1783 the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court tried a white man for "assaulting, beating and imprisoning a black." The passage of the State Bill of Rights in 1780 with the clause "All men are born free and equal" led the court to find the defendant guilty and fine him forty shillings. This was a mortal wound to slavery in Massachusetts. * * * This day in 1895, members of the CCC (Consolidated Cycling Clubs, friend) convened at the James Street Assembly Rooms of Boston College.

10

Sun rises: 5:49
sets: 5:12

High water: 8:26 A.M.
8:51 P.M.

TUESDAY. Progress of medicine in 1720, according to an item in the *Boston Gazette* for this day: "Doctor Sharp of London, being arrived at Boston . . . gives notice that he is to be advised with . . . by those troubled with Cancered Breasts, other Cancerous or Scrophulous Tumours . . . the King's Evil, Leprosie, Scurvy, Rheumatism or Stinking Rotten Ulcers." * * * On this day in 1857 Boston's noted sporting man, Thomas Mead, shot and killed Jerry Agin in the old Howard House, claiming self-defense.

11

Sun rises: 5:51
sets: 5:11

High water: 9:21 A.M.
9:46 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. Jefferson Davis was in town in 1858. * * * The *Post* on this date in 1870 remarked with dark ambiguity: "The swinish manners of an individual in this city are attributed to his eating so many pig's feet."

12

Sun rises: 5:52
sets: 5:09

High water: 10:13 A.M.
10:42 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Columbus Day, a legal holiday in Mass. since 1910.*
* * * *60th Annual Convention of Order of Scottish Clans of Mass.*
* * * In 1797, the *Constitution* was still stubbornly clinging to terra firma. * * * In 1885 it was found that the wealthy were enjoying an average life span of 52 years, "well-to-do" 46 years, and the poor not more than 41 years. * * * The Red Sox won the World Series for the last time on this day in 1916. Twenty-three years ago. Oh, well.

13

Sun rises: 5:53
sets: 5:07

High water: 11:02 A.M.
11:31 P.M.

FRIDAY. It is considered very bad luck, indeed, to have a safe fall on one's head on this day. * * * This day in 1675 the General Court decreed that those who "sinfully play away their armes at dice or cards" should be kept "as scavengers" until the weapons were replaced.

14

Sun rises: 5:54
sets: 5:06

High water: 11:51 A.M.

SATURDAY. The General Court on this day in 1656 authorized the "president and fellows of Harvard College" to punish by fines or public whipping all "misdemeanors of the youth in theire society." * * * This day in 1885, the South Boston Iron Works prepared to cast "the largest gun ever made in this country"—104 tons of metal used, although almost half the weight was lost in casting.

Any lingering doubts you may have as to the intestinal fortitude of Bostonians of Revolutionary days should be dispelled when we tell you about the banquet on Oct. 3, 1783. The occasion: the arrival of the French fleet under DeGrasse. The scene: Faneuil Hall. The menu: terrific! After the dinner seventeen toasts were drunk at intervals of five minutes, each sentiment being accompanied by the boom of a cannon. The newspapers later informed the few citizens who were not at the festivities that "notwithstanding the largeness of the Company, the most perfect order and decorum was preserved throughout the whole."



OCTOBER



Waldo's Love

The sea returning day by day
Restores the world-wide mart;
So let each dweller on the Bay
Fold Boston in his heart . . .

Emerson

15

Sun rises: 5:55
sets: 5:04

High water: 12:23 A.M.
12:40 P.M.

SUNDAY. This day in 1638 witnessed an unprecedented tempest of wind and snow, resulting in many deaths, shipwrecks and widespread damage. Since it followed the day of a general fast, worried patriarchs concluded that the Lord remained unconvinced by their acts of piety.

16

Sun rises: 5:56
sets: 5:03

High water: 1:13 A.M.
1:30 P.M.

MONDAY. *Weather: Bright and blue.* * * * This day in 1824, Nichols and Brown begged leave to announce that they had just received the Lafayette Stripe, new and beautiful for pantaloons, of a cassimere fabric—color of a genteel drab with a delicate white silk stripe. * * * In 1826 the first gas pipes were being laid in Boston streets. * * * On this day in 1846 was performed the first public operation utilizing ether, at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

17

Sun rises: 5:57
sets: 5:01

High water: 2:03 A.M.
2:19 P.M.

TUESDAY. In 1860 the Prince of Wales was being given a big reception including a military review on the Common. * * * Bostonians thronged Litchfield's wharf this day in 1870 to gape at a whale 60 feet long, with a circumference of 36 feet and a mouth capacity of 12 feet. * * * 1925 saw the opening of that super-movie palace, "The Metropolitan," with 30,000 attending the first performance.

*After you saw the Metropolitan you didn't like the Bijou
—Or Dijou?*

R. S.

18

Sun rises: 5:58
sets: 5:00

High water: 2:56 A.M.
3:11 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Feast of St. Luke.* * * * Gallantry was still the password in 1847, when the *Boston Cultivator* carried this Fireman's Toast: "The Ladies—Their eyes kindle the only flames which we cannot extinguish, and against which there is no insurance." * * * The season evoked this doleful couplet from the *Post's* Observant Citizen in 1900:

*"The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year
A trifle soon for whiskey straight, a trifle late for beer."*

19

Sun rises: 5:59
sets: 4:58

High water: 3:50 A.M.
4:06 P.M.

THURSDAY. John Adams born this day in 1735. * * * In 1857, a reader of the *Herald* complained that Democratic candidates for office were using an Irish brogue in campaigning, but, once elected, ignored the Irish newcomers in "distributing the loaves and fishes." This unfair discrimination, we are happy to say, has now been done away with. * * * In 1928 half of Boston was piling into the newly-electrified Narrow Gauge Railroad, just for the ride.

20

Sun rises: 6:01
sets: 4:57

High water: 4:46 A.M.
5:04 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Annual Meeting and Industrial Conference sponsored by the Associated Industries of Massachusetts; at the Copley-Plaza Hotel.* * * * William Robinson and Marmaduke Stevenson, Quakers, were hanged this day in 1659 on Boston Common. * * * In 1736 there were many flourishing taverns in and near the town. Among the more picturesquely named were: The Turk's Head, The Punch Bowl, The Blue Boar, The Hoop Petticoat, The Royal Exchange, The Blue Dog and Rainbow, The Red Lion, and The Sun.

21

Sun rises: 6:02
sets: 4:55

High water: 5:42 A.M.
6:02 P.M.

SATURDAY. At Last! Launched from Hart's Wharf this day in 1797, the Frigate *Constitution*. * * * This day in 1936, President Roosevelt visited Boston on his campaign for reelection, addressing a gathering of 175,000 on the Charles St. Mall.

In August, 1723, more than sixty chiefs of "Eight Nations" arrived in Boston for a big pow-wow with the government. They were greeted with great dignity but very snobbishly refused to do any business with Lt. Gov. Dummer until the arrival of Col. Schuyler. This hauteur was engendered in part, no doubt, by an endeavor to live up to the polysyllabic richness of their names, a few simple examples of which were: Sogueuntals, Towadearbough, Tabcaundelanglesal, Yeawhoughtetalo and Auspeanought.



OCTOBER



The swans within the Public Garden
Never so much as beg the pardon
Of boats intent on duplicating
The swan's peculiar navigating.

22

Sun rises: 6:04
sets: 4:54

High water: 6:38 A.M.
6:57 P.M.

SUNDAY. Only 20 days to Martinmas. * * * This day marked the first concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1881. * * * In 1900, milk was selling for five cents a quart. * * * And James J. Corbett was at the Old Howard, finding that his popularity had grown with defeat.

23

Sun rises: 6:05
sets: 4:52

High water: 7:30 A.M.
7:49 P.M.

MONDAY. On this day in 1800 Boston was made up of 25,000 persons living in 2,376 houses scattered over 783 acres of land cut by 97 streets, 36 lanes, 26 alleys and 18 courts. There were 18 churches—9 Congregational, 3 Episcopal, 2 Baptist and one each for the Methodist, Friends, Universalists and Sandemanian. There were 7 schools with 900 pupils, of which 160 were in the Latin School.

24

Sun rises: 6:06
sets: 4:51

High water: 8:16 A.M.
8:36 P.M.

TUESDAY. The city was alarmed by the outbreak of a cholera epidemic in 1832. * * * In 1833, red silk stockings for the ladies were very cachet de dingdong. Even the bluestockings were wearing 'em. * * * In 1853, 1400 Revolutionary pensioners were still alive.

25

Sun rises: 6:07
sets: 4:49

High water: 8:59 A.M.
9:20 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *St. Crispin's Day—A great day for shoemakers.* * * * Great festivity on Boston Common in 1848 to honor the introduction of Cochituate water. Tots went to town on "My name is Water" amid bell ringing and the reverberation of cannon.

26

Sun rises: 6:09
sets: 4:48

High water: 9:38 A.M.
10:02 P.M.

THURSDAY. This day in 1850 were arrested a number of slavers, causing general pleasure. * * * Point to remember: You have exactly one chance in 153,000,000 of drawing a thirteen-card-suit in Bridge. If it should happen, *don't* bid in no trumps.

27

Sun rises: 6:10
sets: 4:46

High water: 10:17 A.M.
10:42 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Weather: This will be a fine clear day, followed by darkness along the entire Atlantic sea-coast.* * * * Suburban pig-lifters in 1857 were using choloroform on the swine to prevent their squealing at an embarrassing moment. * * * Point to remember: In the year 1907, 21,000 towels were stolen from city bathhouses.

28

Sun rises: 6:11
sets: 4:45

High water: 10:55 A.M.
11:21 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Annual Convention of Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council today, tomorrow and the next day. If we knew where we'd tell you.* * * * On this day in 1636 the General Court gave 400 pounds for the founding of "a schoole or colledge" which was "ordered to bee at Newtowne." * * * Two hundred and sixty-four years later, President Eliot of Harvard told the Massachusetts Schoolmasters' Club: "I believe the most menacing peril of the public school today is the School Committee."

Five Boston men made the front pages of the *Post* on Oct. 9, 1900, when they volunteered to take unto themselves five Seminole Indian brides. The whole scheme had developed from the belief of the Seminole chiefs that the presence of more pale faces in the tribe would ward off plagues. Each squaw was to have a dowry of 200 acres of land and \$500, thereby enhancing her charms immeasurably.



OCTOBER



R.I.P.

Here lies the fiend in human form
Who didn't keep his tenants warm.
He's missing since the nights grew cool,
His tenants grin and sigh "Poor fuel!"

29

Sun rises: 6:12
sets: 4:44

High water: 11:33 A.M.

SUNDAY. In 1727 an earthquake rocked local buildings. * * * Twenty Boston policemen were assigned to the funeral of Daniel Webster, at Marshfield this day in 1852. * * * "Under Coolidge, the New England deacon," said Norman Thomas, arriving in Boston in 1932, "strip poker was a pious Sunday School game for children compared to the Wall Street speculation."

30

Sun rises: 6:13
sets: 4:42

High water: 12:01 A.M.
12:13 P.M.

MONDAY. The city was thrilled in 1837 by visiting delegates of four Indian tribes. Encamped on the Common, they performed war dances while clad in the skins of wild beasts, attracting 70,000 spectators. * * * Charged with drunkenness and working on the Lord's Day was an East Boston man who, in 1932, painted a bakery shop sign while standing on a 10-foot ladder with one leg wound about his neck.

31

Sun rises: 6:15
sets: 4:41

High water: 12:44 A.M.
12:56 P.M.

TUESDAY. *This is Hallowe'en and there will be many festive gatherings around and about the city.* * * * On this day in 1768, despite protests from prominent Boston women, Richard Ames, a military deserter, was shot on Boston Common and buried where he fell. * * * That haunting headline reappeared again this day in 1931, this time in the *Post*: "Hoover sees Good Times Looming Up."

Guess Who?

*A former Mayor of yours and mine,
Is wont to sing "Sweet Adeline."*

—H. E. W.

NOVEMBER

1

Sun rises: 6:16
sets: 4:39

High water: 1:31 A.M.
1:41 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *All Saints' Day.* * * * Mr. Samuel Sewall noted on this day in 1708, that "the Governor called and smoked a pipe with my wife at night." That's the sort of thing we'd like to see discouraged. * * * This day in 1790 a balloon ascended in front of the Green Dragon Tavern on Union Street, to the satisfaction of all concerned, who were high. * * * On this day in 1849 the Eye and Ear Infirmary was completed on Charles Street.

2

Sun rises: 6:17
sets: 4:38

High water: 2:18 A.M.
2:31 P.M.

THURSDAY. *All Souls' Day.* * * * On this day in 1726 was executed a pirate rejoicing in the singular name John Baptiste. * * * In 1917 Dr. Karl Muck played the *Star Spangled Banner* before resigning as conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Those among the audience who were not deranged by wartime sentiments, rose to their feet and cheered.

3

Sun rises: 6:18
sets: 4:37

High water: 3:12 A.M.
3:26 P.M.

FRIDAY. *International Pageant and Ball of International Institute of Boston.* * * * "Wit to be pleasing," said John Qunicy Adams to himself on this day in 1787, "must, I think, be unexpected, like the lightning which flashes in our eyes." Or Boston's weather, John. Or twins, even. * * * When they finishing counting this day in 1936, Roosevelt had 199,504, Landon, 85,789 and Lemke 25,924.

4

Sun rises: 6:19
sets: 4:36

High water: 4:08 A.M.
4:26 P.M.

SATURDAY. Upward and onward with the arts: On this day in 1928, popular vote decreed that hereafter professional sports were permissible on Sunday. Now how about getting a loaf of bread without rapping twice? * * * In 1901 prohibitionists were quietly fainting away at the advertisement:

120 years old
Mr. Abraham E. Elmer, of 54 Spring St.
Oldest Man in the world
Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey
Has prolonged His Life.

On Nov. 12, 1685, the clergy were up in arms, demanding that the General Court take care of "a Dancing Master who seeks to set up here and hath Mixt Dances." This foolhardy gent had the nerve to attempt to hold his "Meetings" on Lecture Day and was reported to have said that "by one Play he could teach more Divinity than Mr. Willard or the Old Testament." The Rev. Mr. Moody allowed as how it was not a time for New England to dance, but Mr. Mather got right to the root of things with a denunciation of "Mixt Dance" in general.



NOVEMBER



Over the river and through the woods
To Grandmother's House—but, you sinner,
My grandmother's running a roadhouse now
With a marvellous dollar dinner!

5

Sun rises: 6:21
sets: 4:34

High water: 5:08 A.M.
5:28 P.M.

SUNDAY. This day in 1632 it was decided to fine tobacco chewers one penny if caught. This must have made the boys wipe off their chins more often, anyhow. * * * The world of the occult suffered a blow on this day in 1888 when Margaret Fox Kane, inventress of spiritism, gave the whole thing away at the Music Hall. "I was the first fraudulent spiritualist," said Mrs. Kane, "It is a humbug from beginning to end."

6

Sun rises: 6:22
sets: 4:33

High water: 6:09 A.M.
6:32 P.M.

MONDAY. During the winter of 1843, sailors were so scarce in Boston that it was frequently necessary for ship masters to send recruiting officers down Cape Cod to hire hands. * * * In 1850—Boston bragging about Boston again: "Since the century began, 74 churches have been built. The town has grown from a population of 23,000 to 140,000. 15,000 vessels enter the Port annually."

7

Sun rises: 6:23
sets: 4:32

High water: 7:09 A.M.
7:34 P.M.

TUESDAY. This day in 1632 it was "ordered that the neck of land betwixt Powder Horne Hill and Pullen Poynte shall belong to Boston." * * * In 1795 on this day a fifty-dollar reward was being offered for the return of a bag containing "about one hundred pounds of Human Hair." That should have fetched it.

8

Sun rises: 6:24
sets: 4:31

High water: 8:06 A.M.
8:35 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. Pigeons darkened the air over Boston on this day in 1630, blotting out the sun and causing the superstitious "to rend the air with groanes and most grave lamentations." * * * Decreed in the year 1785; that "Football Not to be Played At, or Kicked through any Part of the Town," under penalty of 1 shilling per transgression.

9

Sun rises: 6:25
sets: 4:30

High water: 9:01 A.M.
9:31 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Weather: Rain, turning to snow, turning to slush. This is not a good day.* * * * This was a Monday in 1795 and all over town were handbills advertising a scheduled performance "of that much admired comedy written by Shakespeare, 'The School for Scandal.'" * * * Died this day in 1893, historian Francis Parkman.

10

Sun rises: 6:27
sets: 4:29

High water: 9:53 A.M.
10:24 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Horticultural Hall, Autumn Flower Show begins today and ends Sunday.* * * * Arrived from Nova Scotia this day in 1755, 200 banished Scotchmen sans bagpipes. * * * Horseless vehicles had their first outdoor exhibition of magnitude on this day in 1898, three types of electric, gasoline and steam motors being put through their paces before an audience of thousands.

11

Sun rises: 6:28
sets: 4:28

High water: 10:42 A.M.
11:15 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Martinmas.* * * * *Armistice Day.* * * * *Indoor Polo to-night at the Armory and every Saturday night until April.* * * * This day in 1871, the Reverend Henry Morgan lectured at the Music Hall on "Humbug, Ghosts, Hobgoblins, Fortune Tellers, Spirit Tappers, Quack Doctors, Barnum and the Devil." With an organ concert at 7 o'clock for early comers.

On Nov. 22, 1800, the Boston Selectmen not only recommended "but earnestly requested" that "every driver . . . be careful to direct his carriage to the side of the street which may be on his *right hand*; by which method the frequent embarrassments occasioned by carriages meeting on the same side of the street will be avoided." For our part, we would like to say that we consider this a very sensible suggestion and one which, if followed, would go a long way towards solving the city's present traffic problem.



NOVEMBER



There was an old lady from Roxbury
Her sister lived way over in Charlestown.
Time and time again the old lady said to
herself,
"I must go and visit my sister, indeed I must."
What with one thing or another,
She never got round to it.

H. E. W.

12

Sun rises: 6:29
sets: 4:27

High water: 11:30 A.M.

SUNDAY. *Automobile Show opens tonight at Mechanics Building.*
* * * This day in 1722 the Boston Gazette fumed: "The gentlemen who went as Commissioners (with the Mohawks) to treat with the Eastern Indians are returned from Thence, without meeting them, those Guilty Wretches having retired we know not where." * * * This day in 1933 a Beacon Hill necktie weaver celebrated her first wholesale commission by doing a fan dance with an electric fan.

13

Sun rises: 6:30
sets: 4:26

High water: 12:03 A.M.
12:17 P.M.

MONDAY. *Automobile Show today too, and until the 19th, as a matter of fact.* * * * On this day in 1644 the General Court in a sudden and unprecedented burst of generosity decided "it was not fit to deprive ye Indians of lawfull comfort," and made it legal for all those who "had license to retaile wines, to sell also to ye Indians so much as may be fit for their needfull use or refreshment." * * * In 1711 Boston turned out for an exhibition of Indian scalps taken in war, causing much gentle delight and astonishment among the Ladies.

14

Sun rises: 6:31
sets: 4:25

High water: 12:52 A.M.
1:04 P.M.

TUESDAY. Item from the *Gazette* for this day in 1720: "A Fine Blew Stocking being missing some time, supposed to be taken by mistake, out of a Lady's Lodging in Boston, and being of no use to any but the owner, the Person that took it is desired to return the same or a pair of another colour to prevent further TROUBLE." * * * A shower of meteors predicted in 1878, but not seen.

15

Sun rises: 6:33
sets: 4:24

High water: 1:40 A.M.
1:52 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Salmon season ends, which is a nice thing for the salmon and for those families cursed with an angling member.* * * * Round about now comes the Boston Book Fair at the Boston Public Library.
* * * This day in 1936 King's Chapel celebrated the 250th anniversary of its founding. How old will it be this year?

16

Sun rises: 6:34
sets: 4:23

High water: 2:28 A.M.
2:40 P.M.

THURSDAY. This day in 1898, the St. James Young Men's Catholic Total Abstinence Society announced that "it will open a bottle of clear, sparkling, wholesome fun for amusement at the Bijou Opera House to-night." * * * In 1914 Boston's Federal Reserve Bank opened.

17

Sun rises: 6:35
sets: 4:22

High water: 3:17 A.M.
3:29 P.M.

FRIDAY. In 1789 the Beacon on you-know-what hill was blown down. It had been erected to warn the country in case of attacks by Indians, at which time a barrel of tar placed at the apex was to be set ablaze. * * * Ho-hum. Special flash to the press this day in 1901, "Indications were that a reduction in the wages of cotton mills operatives will become general throughout New England."

*On the cobble stones of Beacon Hill
Many have slipped—and many will.*
F. M.

18

Sun rises: 6:36
sets: 4:21

High water: 4:08 A.M.
4:22 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Last day for the Auto Show.* * * * Sheep milled through Boston's streets this night in 1898 when a flock being driven across the city stampeded and eluded capture. Ten o'clock and all's wool! * * * Earthquake shocks in 1929 stopped pendulum clocks in the State House.

On November 9th and 10th, 1872, occurred the worst of Boston's many bad fires. Fourteen persons were killed, sixty-five acres were burned over causing \$80,000,000 worth of damage. Most colorful of the many stories told of the fire is that on President Adams of the Five Cent Savings Bank, who, when told that the Bank Building on School Street would have to be blown up to save the city, took books, securities, and cash totalling \$11,000,000 to his home on Charles Street and sat up all night in the hall with a shot gun trained on the front door.



NOVEMBER



This Means You!

It doesn't pay to be contrary
About the murals in our library
They're the nuts
And no "buts."

R. S.

19

Sun rises: 6:38
sets: 4:20

High water: 5:00 A.M.
5:16 P.M.

SUNDAY. This is a good day to sit near a radiator and study the charts of yesterday's football games. * * * Forced from her anchors in a storm and wrecked while lying in Boston Harbor was a 400-ton ship, *The Charles*, on this day in 1641. Against admonitions, the owners had unrigged their ship on the Lord's Day to be new-masted. Puritans cackled.

20

Sun rises: 6:39
sets: 4:20

High water: 5:52 A.M.
6:11 P.M.

MONDAY. Maude Celeste danced this night at the Tremont Theatre in 1827. The iniquitous "dens of devilry and lewd gestures" were at last coming into their own, it seems, for on the same night Clara Fisher was playing at the Federal Theatre, this last having no relation to present-day undertaking of similar title.

21

Sun rises: 6:41
sets: 4:19

High water: 6:42 A.M.
7:04 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Hockey season's here again.* * * * Crime reared its head on this day in 1632 when Governor Winthrop received news of the first attempt at piracy on these coasts, committed by one Dixy Bull. Dixy was subsequently sent to face the music in England. * * * This month in 1780 was incorporated the Academy of Arts and Sciences.

22

Sun rises: 6:42
sets: 4:18

High water: 7:30 A.M.
7:54 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. Smallpox raged through town and country in 1698, causing grave concern as to the continuance of the colony. * * * On this night in 1907 Boston learned with dismay that it was outside the American Pale. Said Ambassador Bryce, speaking before the local Mayflower Society: "One can hear all languages on the streets of Boston, and it seems the American language has a foreign accent."

23

Sun rises: 6:43
sets: 4:17

High water: 8:16 A.M.
8:41 P.M.

THURSDAY. This day in 1780 was exposed the traitor, Benedict Arnold, the affair creating a great sensation in the town. * * * The eminent actress Maud Adams announced of her own free will on this day in 1898, that for refined taste in livery and "similar appointments," Boston was away ahead of any city she had ever visited.

24

Sun rises: 6:44
sets: 4:17

High water: 8:59 A.M.
9:27 P.M.

FRIDAY. This was Thanksgiving Day last year and probably will be again for many now living. Which reminds us, the prudent householder will today open negotiations with his favorite dealer for a really good turkey to be delivered next week. * * * About this time in 1874 a discouragingly small number of Bostonians were getting ready for the soon-to-be-held Annual Meeting of the Society for the Employment of Bible Readers.

25

Sun rises: 6:45
sets: 4:16

High water: 9:43 A.M.
10:11 P.M.

SATURDAY. Health Note: At this time in 1874, poultices of raw clams were being widely advocated as a treatment for diphtheria. * * * At the first hint of cold weather in the year 1888, Talbot Udar Andrews of the Back Bay appeared on the Common with a pet raccoon coiled about his throat as a muffler.

On the off chance that it has been overlooked, we offer for consideration by the Registry of Motor Vehicles the following pertinent suggestion, first made by a reader in the columns of the *Boston Post* on Nov. 21, 1898. "Something must be done if rubber tires come into more general use. Vehicles thus equipped approach one so silently that one must be provided with eyes like a lobster to avoid danger. Why not put bells on such carriages, as is required on sleighs in winter? It would do so much to lessen the danger, and, besides, the sound of the jingling bells on a hot summer morning would bring memories of winter nights, a smart stepper, and a rosy cheeked companion."



NOVEMBER



November, you perpetuate
The first good meal the Pilgrims ate
By advocating gluttony
On turkey, duck or muttony.

26

Sun rises: 6:46
sets: 4:16

High water: 10:24 A.M.
10:54 P.M.

SUNDAY. This day in 1635, according to Winthrop, "There came twelve men from Connecticut. They had been ten days upon the journey, and had lost one of their company drowned in the ice by the way; and had all been starved, but, by God's Providence, they lighted on an Indian wigwam." Which sounds pretty ominous for that Indian.

27

Sun rises: 6:46
sets: 4:15

High water: 11:05 A.M.
11:38 P.M.

MONDAY. More impropriety: "Mis Hanbury is fined five shillings for entertaining Frances Smith contrary to order," in 1655 of this date. * * * In 1690, "Mary, an Indian, James's Squaw, was frozen to death upon the Neck near Roxbury gate on Thursday night, being fuddled." * * * The first Democratic Club founded in Boston in 1793, in the North End.

28

Sun rises: 6:48
sets: 4:15

High water: 11:48 A.M.

TUESDAY. "Ordered and agreed," this day in 1636, "that Robte Harding shall remove the little house in his yard, and take it away from thence before the first of next third month." * * * In the early days of the Colony, duffel cloth, originally produced at Duffel, near Antwerp, was commonly used for clothing. This was also called "shag" and, by some traders, "trucking cloth." Haw!

29

Sun rises: 6:49
sets: 4:15

High water: 12:24 A.M.
12:34 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. First marriage in New England was between Edward Winslow, a widower, and Susanna White, a widow. This happened on May 12, 1621. What this is doing under Nov. 29 amazes even us. * * * Point to remember: A Boston vessel, the *Franklin* carried the American flag to Japan in 1799. This was just 54 years before Commodore Perry's much publicized visit.

THURSDAY. *St. Andrew's Day. * * * Thanksgiving Day. And very late for it, too. * * ** In 1635 it was ordered that "Mr. William Hutchinson, Mr. William Colborne and Mr. William Brenton shall sett pryses upon all cattell, commodities, victuals and laborer's and workmen's wages, and no other pryses or rates shall be given or taken." Rome and Berlin papers please copy.

DECEMBER

1

Sun rises: 6:52
sets: 4:14High water: 2:01 A.M.
2:15 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Convention of the American Ass'n of Textile Chemists and Colorists today and tomorrow. * * ** Distinguished visitor in town in 1874: The King of the Sandwich Isles. * * * Today in 1918 the Elevated fare went up to eight cents. * * * The evanescent Boston cop Oliver Garrett suddenly appeared in the flesh at the Charles Street Jail this day in 1930, and thus ending a long, but not very hard, search.

2

Sun rises: 6:53
sets: 4:14High water: 2:54 A.M.
3:10 P.M.

SATURDAY. "A Beautiful African Lion" on display for 25¢ on Brattle Street in 1801. * * * Charles Dickens began his readings in Tremont Temple this day in 1867. * * * Even in 1874 Boston was famous for its piety. Said the *Detroit Free Press*: "Boston is the place to look for instances of filial devotion. A dutiful son in that town had the hacks engaged for his mother's funeral 18 days before she expired."

On the night of Nov. 16, 1747, Commodore Knowles, commanding the British fleet lying in the harbor, sent ashore a "press gang" which carried off several working men as well as every seaman it could find. The following night a furious mob marched on the Governor's house, bent on capturing some of the British officers. No officers were to be found, however, so the crowd spent its force on capturing and burning a barge which, as an anticlimax, turned out *not* to be the property of the English navy.



DECEMBER



Massachusetts was the first colony to recognize the importance of vital statistics. As early as 1639 the registration of births, deaths and marriages was required.

3

Sun rises: 6:54
sets: 4:14

High water: 3:50 A.M.
4:08 P.M.

SUNDAY. *First Sunday of Advent.* * * * Smallpox scare at Harvard in 1901. * * * Fashion note, 1920: "The circular skirt (aren't they all?) 'is the rage. Long pleated capes will be worn in the Spring."

4

Sun rises: 6:55
sets: 4:14

High water: 4:48 A.M.
5:10 P.M.

MONDAY. This day in 1923, after a 20-year absence, Eleanora Duse appeared on a Boston stage, breaking all existing box office records. * * * In 1933, the Good Government Association, sometimes known as the "Goo-Goos," voted to disband, no further improvement in local politics being necessary or desirable. * * * Three years ago today the pedestrian subway under Tremont St. at Park Street opened.

5

Sun rises: 6:56
sets: 4:13

High water: 5:49 A.M.
6:14 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Only 16 more shopping days to you-know-what.* * * * In 1818, one J. Sylvan who called himself "The rain water doctor, enemy of human diseases" set himself up in business in West Roxbury. But not for long. * * * There were exactly 10,354 persons in the city engaged in the making of men's clothing this day in 1880. * * * Point to remember: In Spring and Winter rapidly rising temperature precedes rain.

6

Sun rises: 6:57
sets: 4:13

High water: 6:49 A.M.
7:18 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Feast of St. Nicholas.* * * * *Ski Show starts today at the Garden.* * * * 3-day "Christmas Round the World Exhibit and Bazaar" of International Institute opens. * * * Up to 1634 the General Court was made up of all freemen. This made such a large body that it was necessary to hold the meetings in the open. In order to ensure fair weather, all ministers were required to lead prayers for it for three successive Sundays preceding any regularly scheduled sessions.

7

Sun rises: 6:58
sets: 4:13

High water: 7:47 A.M.
8:18 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Hanukkah (Jewish)*. * * * Governor Bellingham died in 1672. That the Governor was a man of action was shown by the circumstances of his second marriage. The lady was betrothed to a friend of his, "when on a sudden the Governor treated with her and obtained her for himself." He then performed the marriage ceremony himself, as well.

8

Sun rises: 6:59
sets: 4:13

High water: 8:42 A.M.
9:15 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ*. * * * Obsolete American custom: today in 1808 Joseph Underwood was fined \$40 for casting three votes. * * * First great anti-slavery speech of Wendell Phillips this day in 1837 at Faneuil Hall. * * * Gen Armando Vittorio Diaz of the Italian Army entertained lavishly in Boston this day in 1921.

9

Sun rises: 7:00
sets: 4:13

High water: 9:35 A.M.
10:09 P.M.

SATURDAY. Today in 1640 there was banished from the colony a very stubborn soul who persisted in believing himself free from original sin. * * * This day in 1920 Gov. Calvin Coolidge was in a Providence one-arm lunch, a mug of coffee hooked on one finger, looking for a seat. * * * Bostonian Joseph P. Kennedy named Ambassador to England in 1937.

On October 1, 1639, the General Court ordered the discontinuance of the vain custom of drinking one to another, and that upon these and other grounds:

1. It was a thing of no good use.
2. It was an inducement to drunkenness, and occasion of quarreling and bloodshed.
3. It occasioned much waste of wine and beer.
4. It was very troublesome to many, especially the masters and mistresses of the feast, who were forced thereby to drink more of than they would.

"Yet divers (even godly persons) were very loath to part with this idle ceremony, though (when disputation was tendered) they had no list, nor, indeed could find any arguments, to maintain it. Such power hath custom."



DECEMBER



So abominable is the New England climate,
That it's impossible to write about it, let
alone rhyme it.

You can only sit still, thinking about it,
Wishing you were sitting thinking about it
somewhere in Bermuda, drinking about
it.

10

Sun rises: 7:00
sets: 4:12

High water: 10:24 A.M.
10:58 P.M.

SUNDAY. Ten Year War with the French and Indians declared all off this day in 1679. * * * Excitement over red flag in Charlestown in 1901 calmed with words: "That's an auction." * * * Jordan Marsh and 21 other Greater Boston stores merged as Hahn Department Stores, Inc., in 1928.

11

Sun rises: 7:01
sets: 4:12

High water: 11:11 A.M.
11:45 P.M.

MONDAY. The world can tremble from natural causes, too, evidently, for this day in 1727 Governor Burnet proclaimed a Fast to be kept on the 21st of this month "throughout this province on account of the late surprising and amazing earthquakes and the repeated shaking of the Earth."

12

Sun rises: 7:02
sets: 4:12

High water: 11:56 A.M.

TUESDAY. According to Malcolm Townsend "The tracing of the word Boston elicits that in the seventh century a pious monk known as St. Botolph or Bot-holp (Boat-help) founded a church in what is now Lincolnshire, in England. A town grew up around it which was called Botolph's town, Bot-os-ton, finally Boston."

13

Sun rises: 7:03
sets: 4:12

High water: 1:37 A.M.
2:02 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. This month in 1697: "All the bay was frozen over quite out to sea; so as it was common to go horse and man over all the ferries for two months. The main channel in Boston Harbor did not open till the first of March." Sleighs and sleds passed a great part of the time upon the ice from Boston as far as Nantasket . . . L Street Brownies just chopped, chopped, and chopped.

14

Sun rises: 7:04
sets: 4:12

High water: 1:15 A.M.
1:24 P.M.

THURSDAY. Eleanora Sears, Boston sportswoman, walked home from Providence in eleven hours and five minutes on this day in 1925 and she didn't have to, either. * * * Today in 1931 the Federal National Bank folded, thus gladdening the hearts of thousands who would not have to worry about Christmas shopping, after all.

15

Sun rises: 7:04
sets: 4:13

High water: 2:00 A.M.
2:08 P.M.

FRIDAY. Concert tonight for the benefit of political refugees from Europe—no, not an announcement,—an 1849 item. Hungarians that time. * * * *Daily Advertiser* of 1851: "The watch of East Boston was mustered in hot haste . . . to arrest a gentleman who had opened his own store so early as to have been supposed to be a burglar." * * * Subway from South Station to Broadway opened today in 1915.

16

Sun rises: 7:05
sets: 4:13

High water: 2:42 A.M.
2:54 P.M.

SATURDAY. Boston Tea Party, 1773. * * * Birth date of poet Whittier 134 years ago. * * * Wendell Phillips assaulted this day in 1860 upon emerging from Music Hall after a discourse on "Mobs and Education." * * * Mellie Dunham, Maine's champ fiddler, in Boston today in 1925, riding right out of the world on "Money Musk."

The mere sight of a sign advertising the "Victory and Massasoit Bowling and Billiard Halls" was enough to put the *Traveller* editorial column into the following dither on Dec. 13, 1849: "Ah, young man! If you allow your feet to tread those enchanted halls, you will ere long find the victory theirs, and a victory which will leave you cast down and wounded a poor helpless, worthless, miserable cripple doomed to an early and dishonorable grave, into which you will fall, unwept, unanointed, unknelled. Beware then of Bowling and Billiard Halls; for attractive as they may appear by the aid of light and music, jovial companions and stimulating drinks, they are but whited sepulchres full of dead men's bones."



DECEMBER



Grandpa Remembers

Can you remember when the Copley
Had a lonely, lovely monopoly
On things full of horror, stress and strain,
Such as that chiller, the old *Ghost Train*?

R. S.

17

Sun rises: 7:06
sets: 4:13

High water: 3:29 A.M.
3:42 P.M.

SUNDAY. Singo Sorti became the first man to be electrocuted in Massachusetts at 12:30 this morning in 1901. * * * Submarine S-4 submerged in test, failed to rise in 1927. Crew dead when raised 36 hours later. * * * New headquarters of the Harry E. Burroughs Newsboys' Foundation dedicated today in 1928 at 10 Somerset St.

18

Sun rises: 7:07
sets: 4:13

High water: 4:15 A.M.
4:34 P.M.

MONDAY. If you like Xmas carols, why not turn on your radio some night? * * * A literal first edition today in 1720 of *The Boston Gazette*, second newspaper to be published in New England. * * * The moon was eclipsed by the sun in 1926 today for the last time until 2326 A.D.

*Once, on a dare,
I walked through City Sq.*
R. S.

19

Sun rises: 7:07
sets: 4:14

High water: 5:04 A.M.
5:24 P.M.

TUESDAY. *Weather: Cold, with high pressure areas moving slowly down Washington St. towards Filene's Basement.* * * * This is undoubtedly the dullest day of the year as far as Boston is concerned. We can't speak for the Indians, but the whites have apparently been sitting around on this day for more than three hundred years wondering if they can get away with giving Aunt Minnie that terrific camisole that Cousin Elsie gave *them* last year. Phooie to such a day!

20

Sun rises: 7:08
sets: 4:14

High water: 5:54 A.M.
6:16 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. Gov. Andros arrived in Boston today in 1686, assisted by a 50-gun frigate. * * * The *Traveller* "safely predicts an immense auditory," for Miss Charlotte Cushman's reading of Henry VIII at Tremont Temple this night in 1849. * * * First "lightless night" in 1917.

21

Sun rises: 7:08
sets: 4:15

High water: 6:44 A.M.
7:08 P.M.

THURSDAY. *St. Thomas Day.* * * * *The winter solstice.* * * * *New England's Birthday.* * * * The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth today in 1620. * * * Ann Eliza, nineteenth wife of Brigham Young, who did not believe in divorce, lectured at Tremont Temple this night of 1874, while 13 of the apostle's daughters sat in the front row and made faces at her.

*St. Thomas gray, St. Thomas gray
The longest night, the shortest day*

22

Sun rises: 7:09
sets: 4:15

High water: 7:32 A.M.
8:02 P.M.

FRIDAY. *Tebeth (Jewish).* * * * Passed in Common Council this day in 1825 an ordinance providing that "no person shall shake or cleanse carpets on the Common within ten rods of either of the malls under penalty of not less than one nor more than three dollars." * * * In 1900, Thomas F. Adams was in the jug for the larceny of a 60-lb. tub of butter from an express team on Leverett St.

23

Sun rises: 7:09
sets: 4:16

High water: 8:20 A.M.
8:52 P.M.

SATURDAY. This day in 1874 there lived at 16 Seneca St. a woman named Harris and nineteen (19) dogs. * * * About this time in 1920, the Boston press was informed "Joyce West has hiked the 500 miles from Boston to Montreal. She did it on \$2, slept in fields, ate canned foods, boomed Harding for President, was given a lift every now and then and had some novel experiences with men who were not pleasant to meet."

Merry Christmas!

A little greeting which the "Great and General Courte" sent out in 1659: "For preventing disorders arising . . . by reason of some still observing such festivalls as were superstitiously kept in other countrys, to the great dishonor of God, and offence of others, it is therefore ordered . . . that whoever shall be found observing any such days as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing of labour, feasting, or any other way . . . shall pay five shillings as a fine."



DECEMBER

Sing Noël



Peace on earth, but in the flue
Papa's stuck and can't get loose.
The tree won't stand for love or glue,
The lights won't work—oh, what's the use!

24

Sun rises: 7:10
sets: 4:16

High water: 9:08 A.M.
9:41 P.M.

SUNDAY. *Don't forget to hang up your stocking.* * * * This day in 1799 the sad tidings reached Boston that George Washington was dead. Federal Theatre was closed until January 10, when a memorial performance was held. * * * This day in 1900 the last horse car finished its last run. Marlboro St. was the historic spot. * * * In 1931, Plennie L. Wingo, who was walking backwards around the world, backed into Boston under a full head of steam.

25

Sun rises: 7:10
sets: 4:17

High water: 9:54 A.M.
10:28 P.M.

MONDAY. *Christmas Day. A holiday which comes but once a year.* * * * Put your stocking back on, and keep your cigarette butts away from the tree. * * * This is a good day not to think of the February 1st bills.

*Our wish to you: that Xmas-y
Renewal of child's Xtacy.*

26

Sun rises: 7:11
sets: 4:17

High water: 10:41 A.M.
11:15 P.M.

TUESDAY. The only cure for the way you feel today is twenty-four hours of sleep. * * * "Xmas Storm" did \$5,000,000 damage in 1909. Highest tides since 1851, too. * * * At this time in 1901 it was soberly reported by one New England paper that F. Marion Crawford had "recently spent two weeks at Newport last week." The fast social life, probably. * * * In 1931 James McCarthy, aged 11, was arrested in Franklin Park for maltreating a duck.

27

Sun rises: 7:11
sets: 4:18

High water: 11:29 A.M.

WEDNESDAY. *Weather: No change.* * * * First boatload of 49'rs, 11 passengers to be exact, left Boston today on the ship *Salstillo* to join the gold rush. Guess what year? * * * This day in 1843, the Tremont Theatre was purchased for religious purposes and renamed Tremont Temple.

28

Sun rises: 7:11
sets: 4:19

High water: 12:02 A.M.
12:16 P.M.

THURSDAY. *Childermas.* * * * You really should try to get back to work today or tomorrow. * * * "The annual meeting of the Penitent Female's Refuge Society" was "holden at the new Vestry of Park Street Meeting House" this evening in 1825. * * * The steamship *Belfast* of the Eastern lines made the last run out of Boston to Bangor, Me., to-night in 1935, ending a service of 112 years.

29

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:20

High water: 12:52 A.M.
1:06 P.M.

FRIDAY. This day in 1657 Damon Mahoone was fined twenty shillings for entertaining two Irish women "and is to quitt his house of them forthwith at his perill." * * * First services of Old North Church today in 1723. * * * In 1933, this was Boston's coldest day of two centuries, 17 below zero. * * * Two years ago today the full score of Sibelius' "Origin of Fire" was sent from Germany to Boston by radio photography and used by the Boston Symphony.

30

Sun rises: 7:12
sets: 4:20

High water: 1:43 A.M.
2:00 P.M.

SATURDAY. *Weather: We are now back to where we were when we started and the weather is, too. Hoping you are not the same.* * * * Today in 1630, Governor Winthrop decided to make "Newtowne" (Cambridge) the metropolis of the Province of Massachusetts. Next day he changed his mind. * * * On sale at 8 Water St. in 1825 "Ermine Capes or Vandykes, a handsome and very comfortable article for the season." Which nobody can deny. * * * In 1904 the East Boston Subway was opened, and 32,000 people paid fares on the first day.

On Dec. 26, 1796, Boston was pretty excited over the opening of the "New" Haymarket Theatre. This event marked the beginning of a bitter rivalry between the Haymarket and the older Federal Street Theatre. Of the latter it was said "Each shareholder . . . had what was known as his night, when he not only paid all the running expenses, but took a personal pride in having the house full to repletion. To this end as many tickets were sold as could be, and the residue given away to those who would make the pledge never to enter the Haymarket Theatre."



DECEMBER



A Thought for New Year's Eve

Problem: do the little men
Who come on the eleventh vodka
See *very* little men when they
Have reached the stage of feeling oddka?

31

Sun rises: 7:13
sets: 4:21

High water: 2:34 A.M.
2:54 P.M.

SUNDAY. In 1890 it was announced: "An informal reception will be given at the Massachusetts Home for Intemperate Women on New Year's Day." * * * The prudent citizen will put his New Year's resolutions down on paper as they occur to him. It is no end embarrassing to awaken on Jan. 1, not knowing what you're not doing this year. This seems to be getting a little involved, but what we're trying to say is—Happy New Year!

I think I'd rather get the sack
Than write another Almanack.

A. P.

BOSTON HOLIDAYS

New Year	January 1 (Sunday)
Washington's Birthday	February 22 (Wednesday)
*Evacuation Day	March 17 (Friday)
Patriots' Day	April 19 (Wednesday)
Memorial Day	May 30 (Tuesday)
*Bunker Hill Day	June 17 (Saturday)
Independence Day	July 4 (Tuesday)
Labor Day	September 4 (Monday)
Columbus Day	October 12 (Thursday)
Armistice Day	November 11 (Saturday)
Thanksgiving	November 30 (Thursday)
Christmas	December 25 (Monday)

*Evacuation Day observed only in South Boston.

*Bunker Hill Day observed only in Charlestown.

FLAG DAYS

By order of the City Council it is the duty of the City Messenger to have the national colors displayed upon the public flagstaffs on the following days:

Franklin's Birthday	January 17 (Tuesday)
Lincoln's Birthday	February 12 (Sunday)
Washington's Birthday	February 22 (Wednesday)
Evacuation Day	March 17 (Friday)
Patriots' Day	April 19 (Wednesday)
Grant's Birthday	April 27 (Thursday)
Memorial Day	May 30 (Tuesday)
Anniversary of Adoption of National Colors	June 14 (Wednesday)
Bunker Hill Day	June 17 (Saturday)
Independence Day	July 4 (Tuesday)
Labor Day	September 4 (Monday)
Anniversary of Founding of Boston	September 17 (Sunday)
Columbus Day	October 12 (Thursday)
Armistice Day	November 11 (Saturday)

CHRISTIAN MOVABLE FEASTS AND FASTS

Circumcision	January 1 (Sunday)
Septuagesima Sunday	February 5
Shrove Tuesday	February 21
Ash Wednesday	February 22
First Sunday in Lent	February 26
Palm Sunday	April 2
Good Friday	April 7
Easter	April 9 (Sunday)
Low Sunday	April 16
Ascension Thursday	May 18
Pentecost (Whitsunday)	May 28
Trinity Sunday	June 4
Corpus Christi	June 8 (Thursday)
Assumption of Blessed Virgin	August 15 (Tuesday)
All Saints' Day	November 1 (Wednesday)
First Sunday of Advent	December 3
Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin	December 8 (Friday)
Christmas	December 25 (Monday)

JEWISH HOLIDAYS AND FASTS

Fast of 10th of Tebeth	January 1 (Sunday)
Fast of Esther	March 2 (Thursday)
Purim	March 5 (Sunday)
Passover:	
First Days	April 4-5
Last Days	April 10-11
Feast of Weeks (Sh'vuoth)	May 24-25 (Wednesday and Thursday)
Fast of 17th of Tamuz	July 4 (Tuesday)
Fast of 9th of Ab	July 25 (Tuesday)
New Year (Rosh Hashonah)	September 14-15 (Thursday and Friday)
Fast of Gedalia	September 17 (Sunday)
Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)	September 23 (Saturday)
Tabernacles, 7 days	September 28 (starting Thursday)
Sh'mini Azereth	October 5 (Thursday)
Rejoicing of Law	October 6 (Friday)
Hanukkah, 8 days	December 7 (starting Thursday)
Fast of Tebeth	Decemebr 22 (Friday)

New*Last Quarter**First Quarter**Full*

PHASES OF THE MOON 1939

January	5—Full Moon	July	1—Full Moon
	12—Last Quarter		9—Last Quarter
	20—New Moon		16—New Moon
	28—First Quarter		23—First Quarter
February	4—Full Moon		31—Full Moon
	11—Last Quarter	August	8—Last Quarter
	19—New Moon		15—New Moon
	27—First Quarter		21—First Quarter
March	5—Full Moon		29—Full Moon
	12—Last Quarter	September	6—Last Quarter
	21—New Moon		13—New Moon
	28—First Quarter		20—First Quarter
April	4—Full Moon		28—Full Moon
	11—Last Quarter	October	6—Last Quarter
	19—New Moon		12—New Moon
	26—First Quarter		20—First Quarter
May	3—Full Moon		28—Full Moon
	11—Last Quarter	November	4—Last Quarter
	19—New Moon		11—New Moon
	25—First Quarter		18—First Quarter
June	2—Full Moon		26—Full Moon
	10—Last Quarter	December	3—Last Quarter
	17—New Moon		10—New Moon
	24—First Quarter		18—First Quarter
			26—Full Moon

an Eccentric to Lay the Ghost

Levi Hubbard, otherwise known to his 17th century contemporaries as the *smashing member* of the General Court, is the local candidate for canonization as a "character." With the proper exploitation from historians, he might attain the stature of a Paul Bunyan or a Johnny Appleseed—regional supermen both of them, and records of Levi's time show that he had what it takes. He comes to life in James R. Newhall's *Ye Great and General Court in Collonie Times*; it may well be that he was conceived principally in that historian's imagination, but his exploits are no less fascinating for want of foundation. Newhall did the spade work, all that is needed now is a Cervantes.

Hubbard was representative for New Towne (Cambridge) in the legislature, and that is all right in itself; however, he appears to have been seized at moments with a superhuman frenzy which manifested itself in an impulse to hurl whatever objects were handiest—an inkwell, a beer mug, a boulder. The early Boston colony was notorious for its intolerance in matters both clerical and secular: certainly Hubbard's unorthodox conduct was no exception.

His malady first attracted attention, says Newhall, "during a debate on an order requiring monuments to be erected to designate the location of wolf-pits." Our hero had himself once fallen into one of these pits, where he was found the next morning crouched up in one corner, almost dead with fright, while in another corner was crouched a she-wolf, also nearly dead with fright. The debate proceeded sluggishly until Hubbard arose and by a violent clap of his hands indicated some disordered condition. Seizing the jug which contained the beer he had brought for his noon refreshment, he hurled it with tremendous force against the opposite wall. Now he was seized and subdued; it required some tall oratory to persuade the House Members that he was anything less than a lunatic. Hubbard's explanation ran thus: it had simply struck him that the monuments would not only show people where the wolf-pits were but likewise give the same information to the wolves themselves, thereby defeating the whole purpose.

The beer mug episode might have been forgiven, but when not long after the miscreant sent an inkwell flying across the chamber, hopelessly bespattering official records, he was ordered to the stocks where he might reconsider his destructive tendencies. There he passed an historic day: first appeared a "great motherly swine" and her young, who took it into their heads to wallow and moil under the hapless prisoner's nose. "Then a long-haired, dirty-mouthed lad appeared, leading his long-haired, dirty-

mouthed sister, and they both stopped and pointed at him and hissed, as they had seen others do to their father who was in the same predicament a few days before." All of the good man's enemies seemed to turn up for the occasion: a bull who had received a hard-shell pumpkin square on the muzzle, an Indian who had been gratuitously presented with a horse-shoe thrown at his head, and a legion of divers beasts and men all nursing grievances against the irresponsible Hubbard. These made his day miserable, as though the confines of the stocks were not enough. Toward evening it began to rain a cutting sleet; he was left to himself at last, to ponder on life's mutations.

He reappears, the possessed Levi in the annals of the Honorable and Ancient Artillery Company, which are in themselves no mean feat of picaresque narration. "They were uniformed in a faire manner, all haveing yello breeches of leathr, with blew ribbins knotted at ye knees, also red leggins and black shews and bigg shining buckles. They had doublets of green, with strips of yello sewed on. Butt their coates were mostlie of brown or gray, tho som were like Joseph his coat, being of manie colours, each suiting himself in that garment, ye Captn haueing sayd yt sometymes they might train onlie in their doublets. But ye coats all had high millitarie collars made stiff wth buckram; and they were soe high, that often as they made a false step while marching along, their backs rising a little, ye collars wd push their caps from their heads. And once, while marching downe a stony hil, so manie were pushed off, yt Captn Kayne sayd seeminglie there were more caps vppon ye ground than on their heads, and he would, befoar another trayning, see to haueing ye collars cutt down; for they not onlie pushed off the caps but likewise made their cues stick out so strait behinde that they lookd like little steering poles; wch conceit made mch merrymnt. Their wiggs were mightie in syze, and ye cues wound wth eal skin. Som of ye wiggs were white, som gray and som of dyvers colours, as to that matter, for som not being able to get real wiggs, were faine to dress yr heads in ye skins of little foxes or raccoons, winding ye tayls for cues."

Here comes Levi—"Ye cheifest membrs of ye Cort were present, dyvrs of them, indeed, being of ye Companie. Mr. Hubbard, who hath bin nicknamd ye smashing membr, was there, and must needs xrcise himselfe in his odd way, bringing scandall on ye occacion. When ye jewesharpes playd hee was soe amaze yt hee let fly a bigg roll of tabacca and hit one of ye young Indjans on ye head, who thinking it sent as a reward for his skill on ye instrument, was mch pleased and playd all ye hardr.

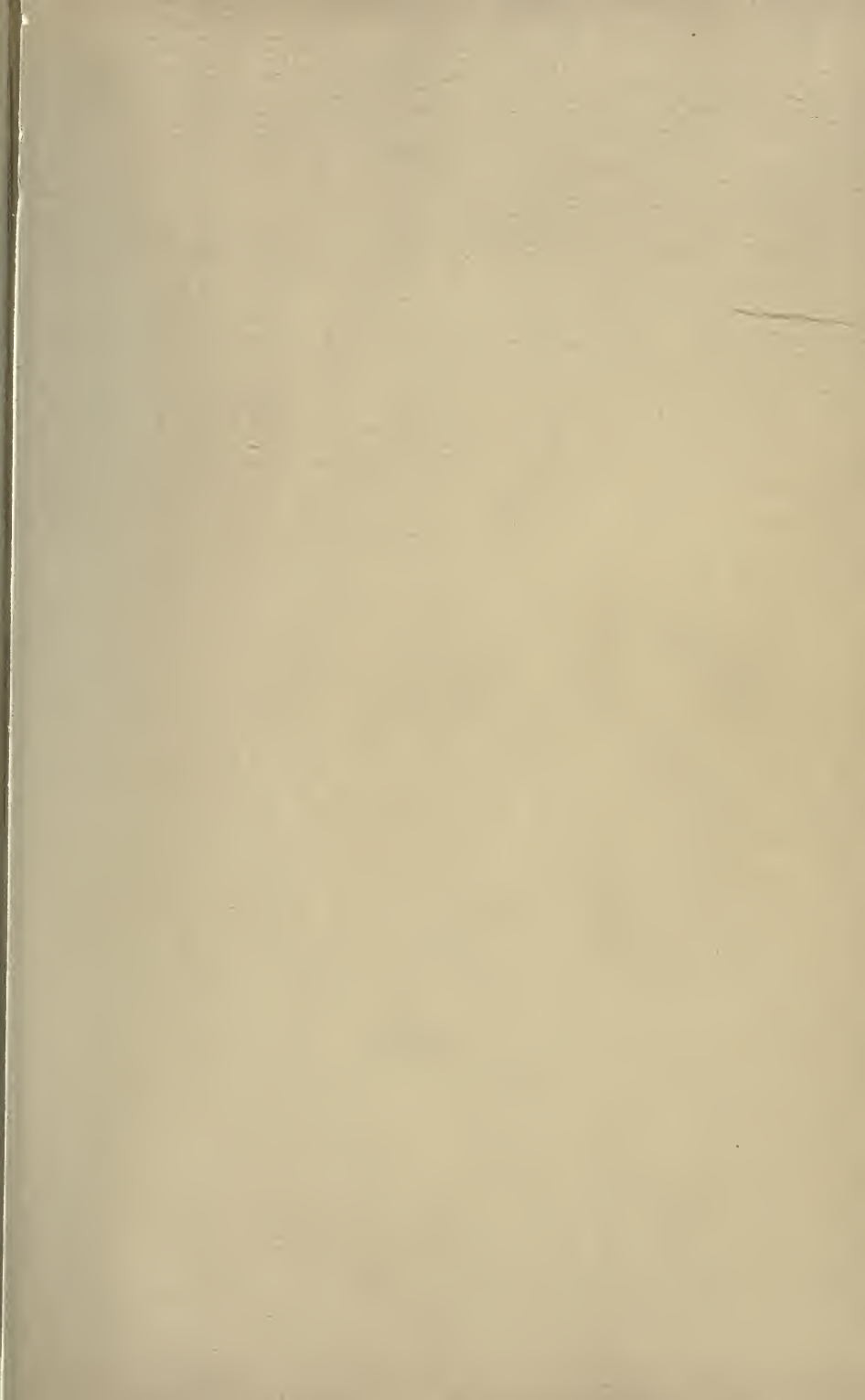
"Ye Companie haueing marchd beyond ye rayles on ye Rocksberry roade, wd paws in ye shade for rest and refreshmt. While soe doing, one of Mr Hubbard his ffits seizing him, he hurld a great clam wth mch

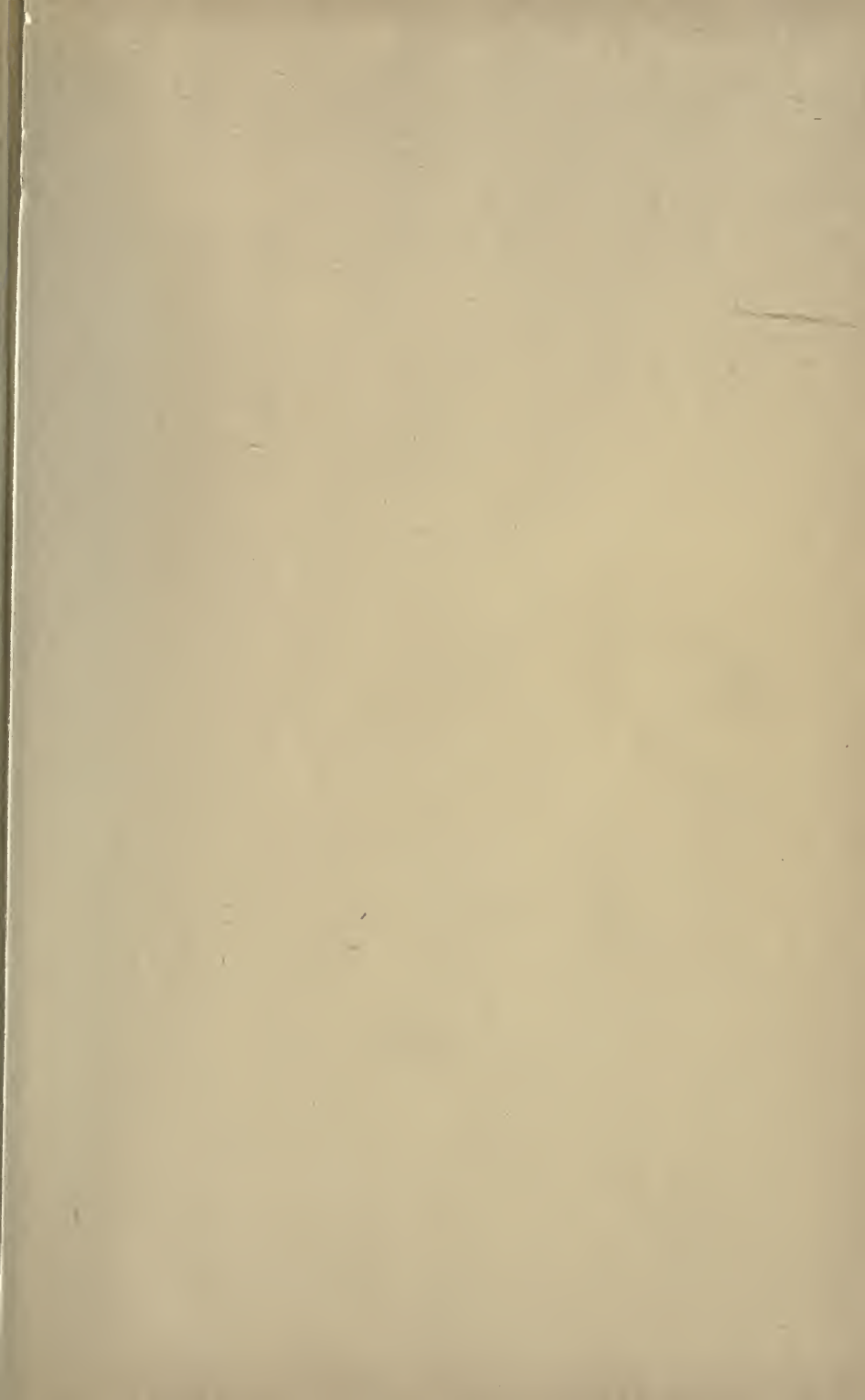
force, which hitting a tree, shyd off into ye bushes and bounced into a nest of little wingd devills, or as Mr Cobet calld ym, hornets. Their pestigeous stings made som cry out who wd haue met ye fire of bullets without moveing. Som roared for very agonie of payn; som hopped and jumped about like distracted Indjans; some rolled on ye ground; som ran to ye little brook for releif of ye terrible burnings. . . . Ye Ensigne was in great rage, knowing ye cause of ye mischief, and wth drawn sword rushed vppon Mr Hubbard, and wd haue don him harme had he not bin restrained. Som others, being a little heady, mayhap from ye drink they had taken, threw off their coats as if to fight som body or som thing, they knew not what. And there was mch adew befour peace was restord."

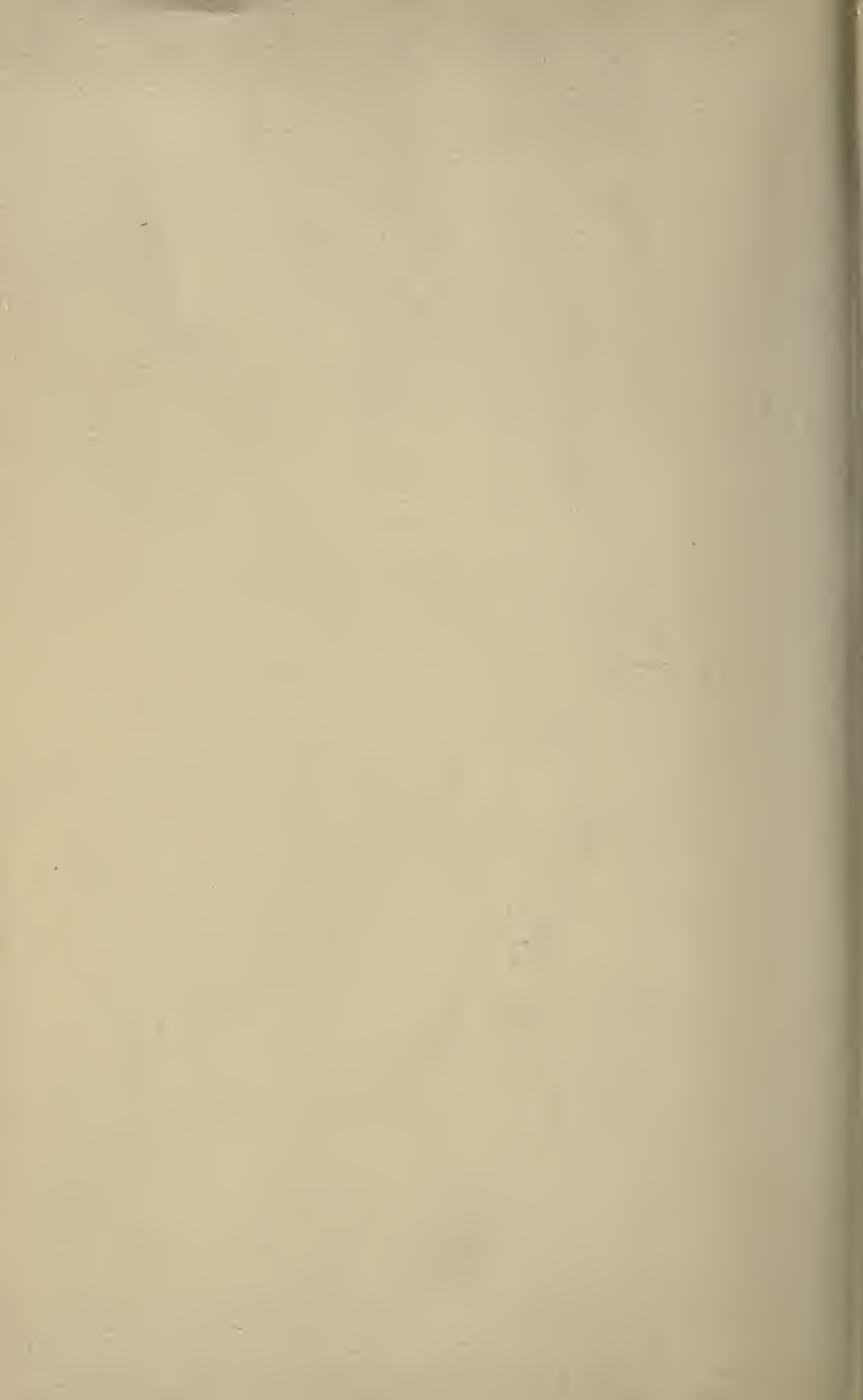
Heroes seldom die in bed; Levi died as he had lived, a victim to that inexplicable mania for hurling things. But his career was not all buffoonery: he rose to the defense of both Mrs. Hutchinson and Roger Williams, and from an initial sympathy with the persecuted Quakers came gradually to embrace their beliefs. Thereafter he was ostracized by the Bay Colony; his lands were seized and it became expedient to retire to Rhode Island, where he opened a tavern and prospered.

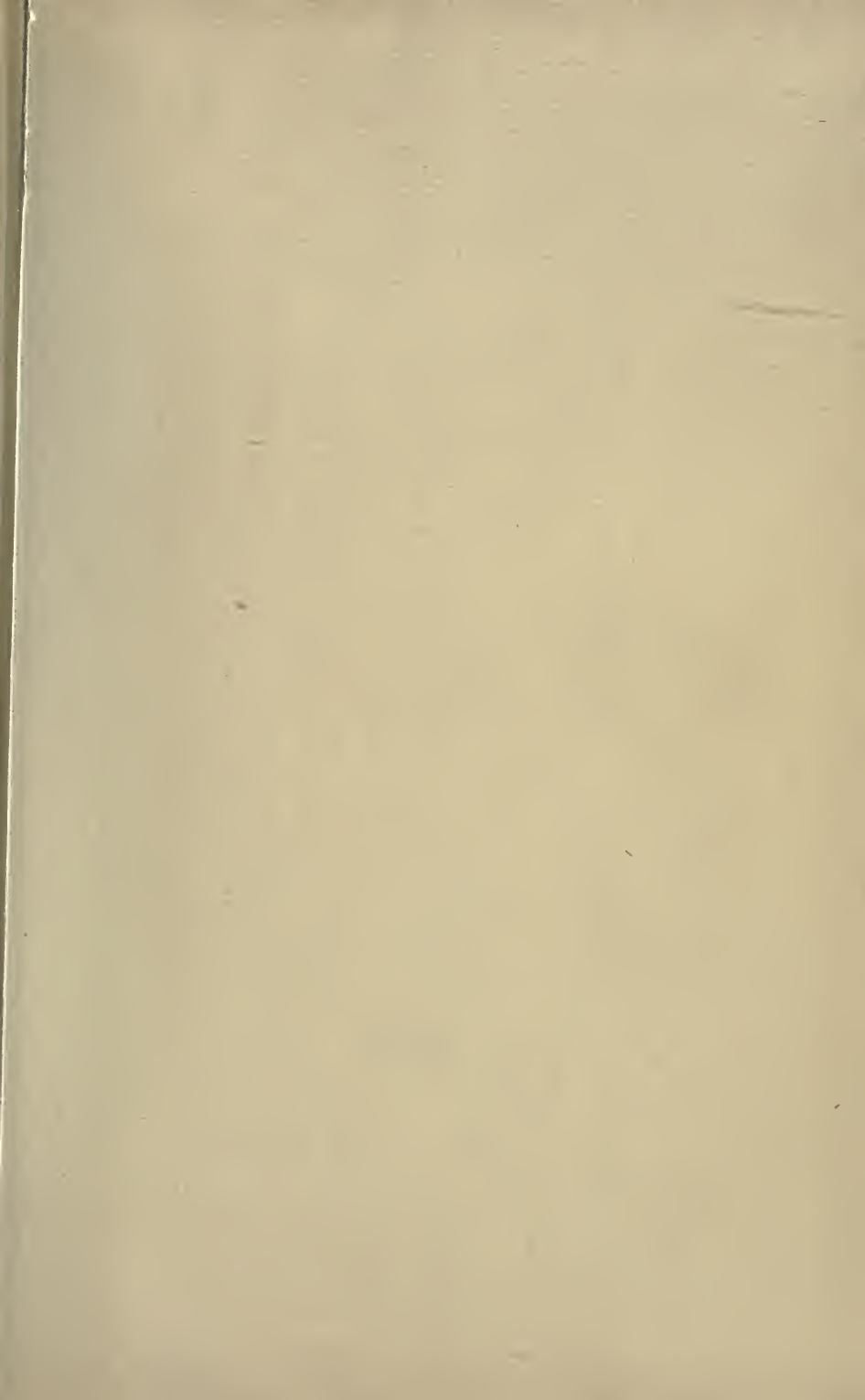
It was in a Narragansett settlement that the end came. He had sold a wooden rake to a savage who proceeded to employ the same in digging clams; naturally enough the implement came apart. Accompanied by his squaw, the savage appeared demanding retribution—fair enough still, but the discussion became a battle of words and grunts; at the crucial moment, as luck would have it, that expression of angelic simplicity crossed Levi's face. He let go with the stone hammer he held in his hand, catching the Indian square in the belly and bowling him over backwards into a clump of barberries. The squaw did the honorable thing after that; she pitched a tomahawk in defense of her lord's good name, and her aim was perfect. That was the last of Levi. But his soul goes marching on, no doubt throwing things in a way to petrify the Heavenly Company.

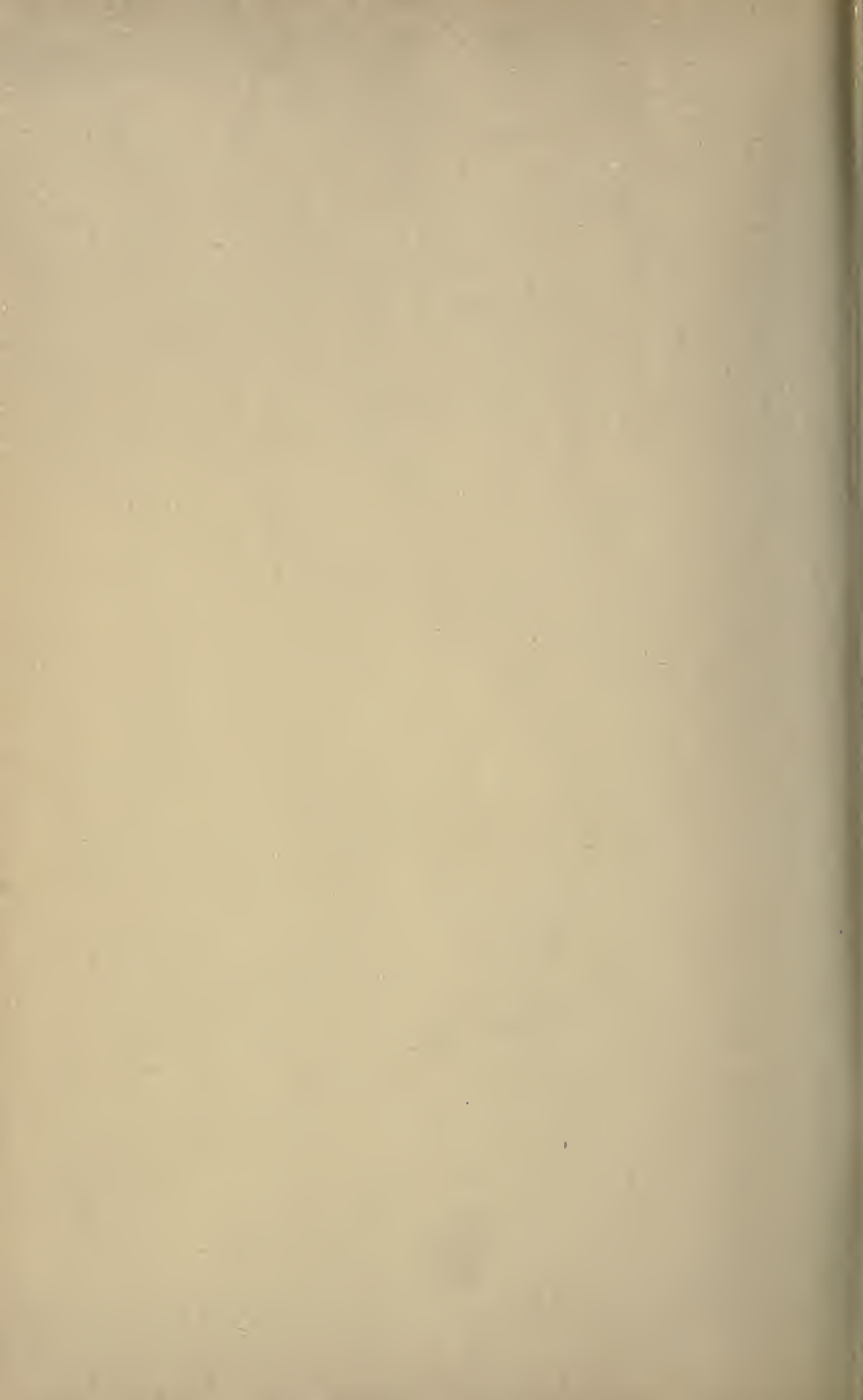
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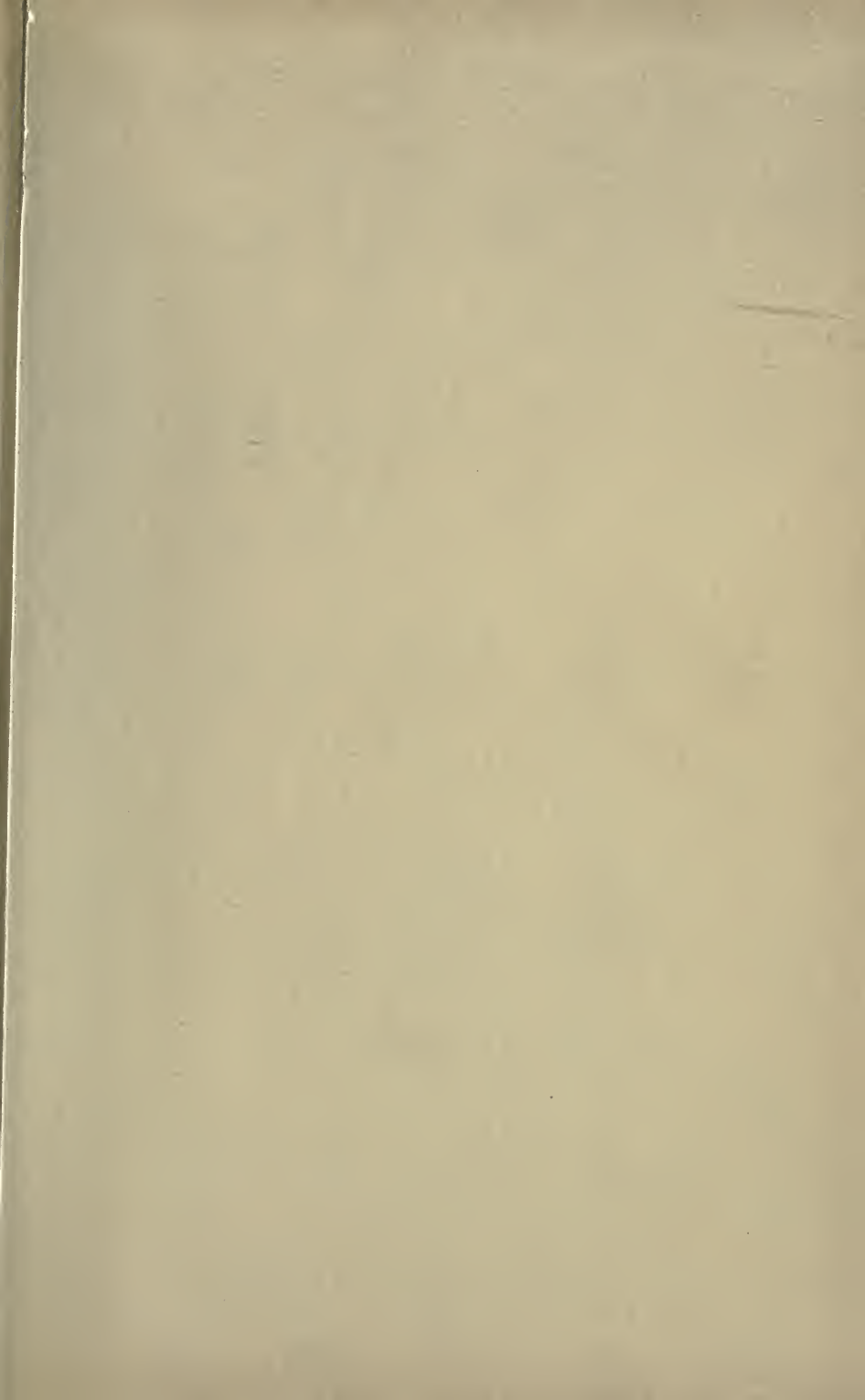


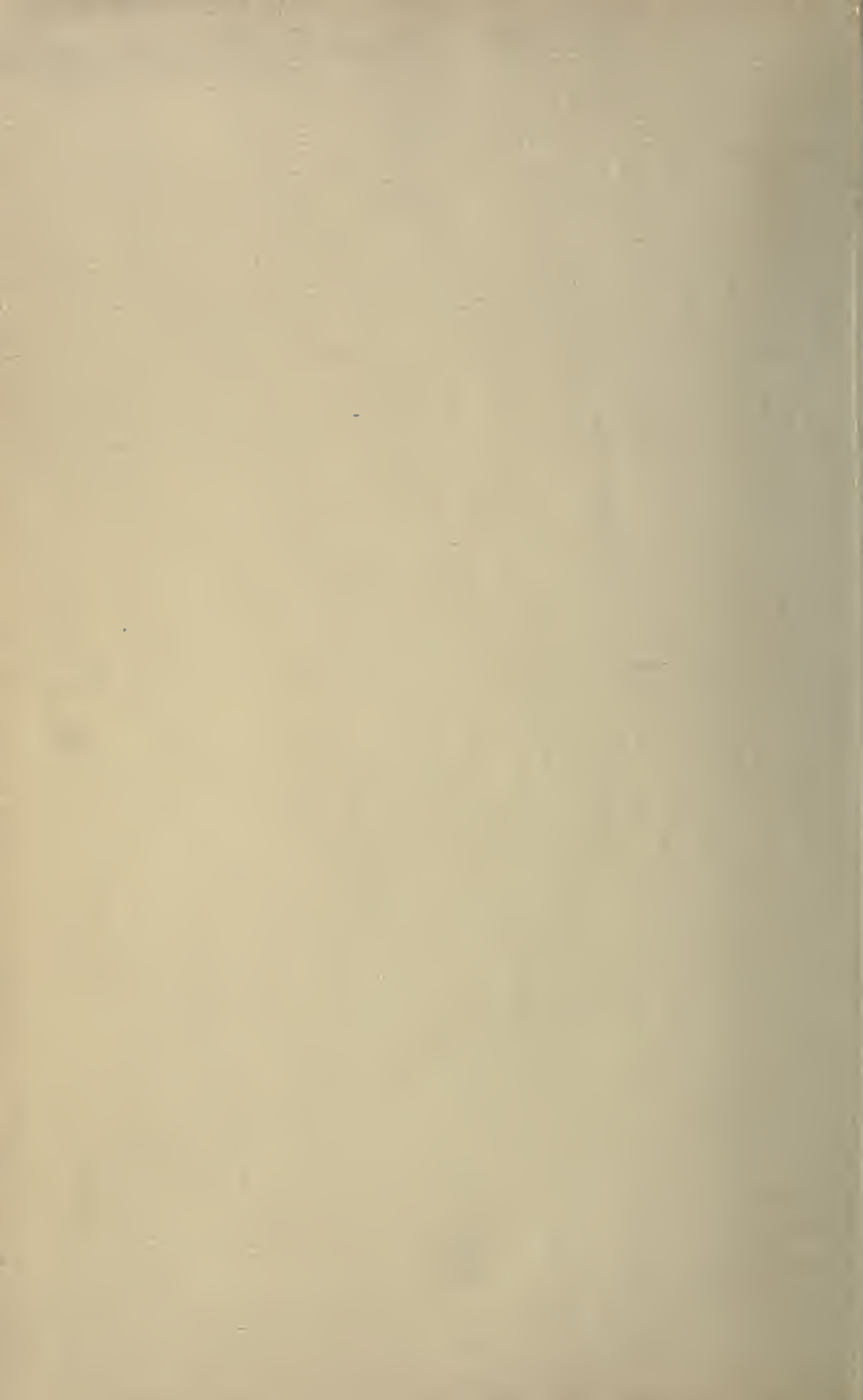


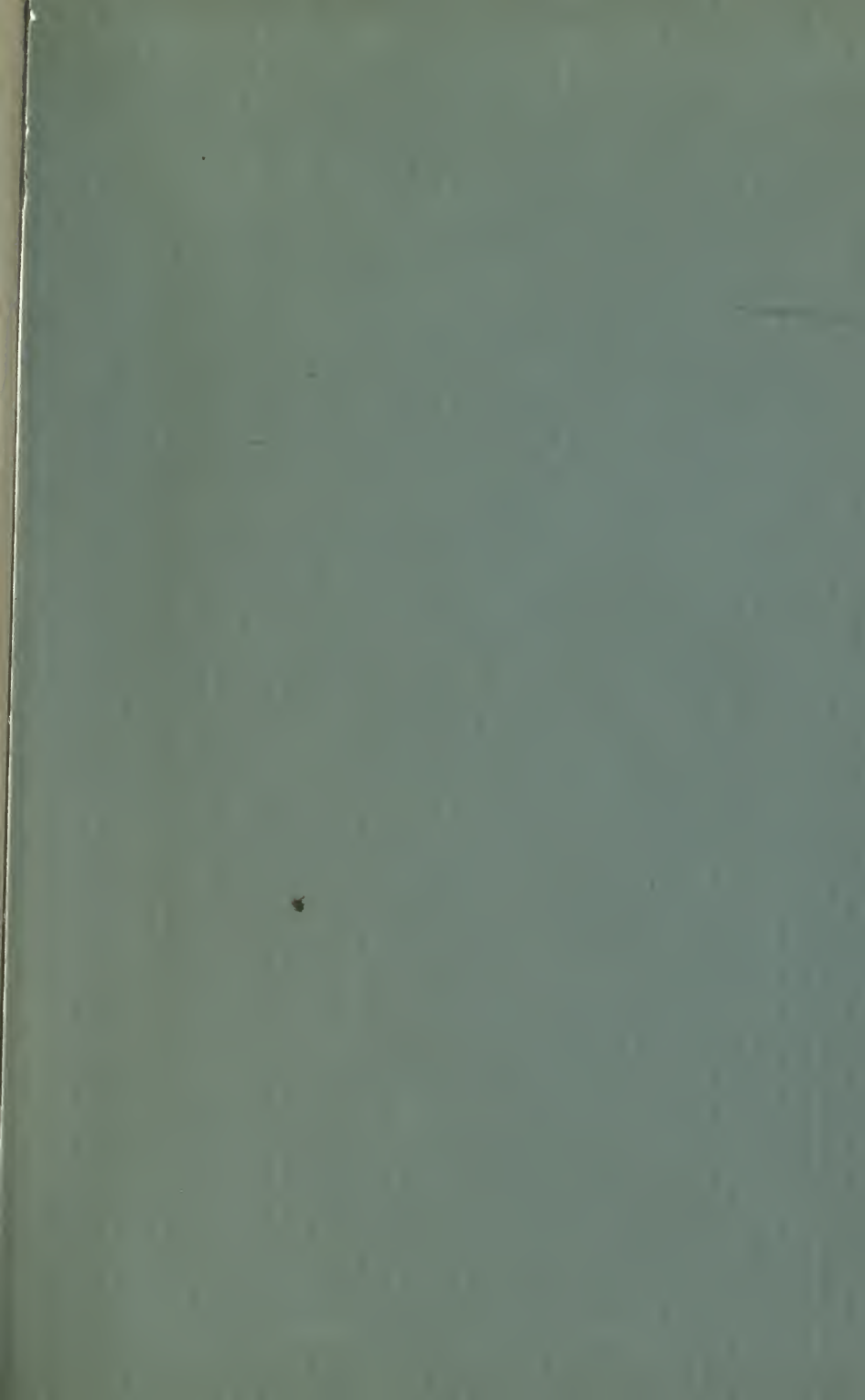


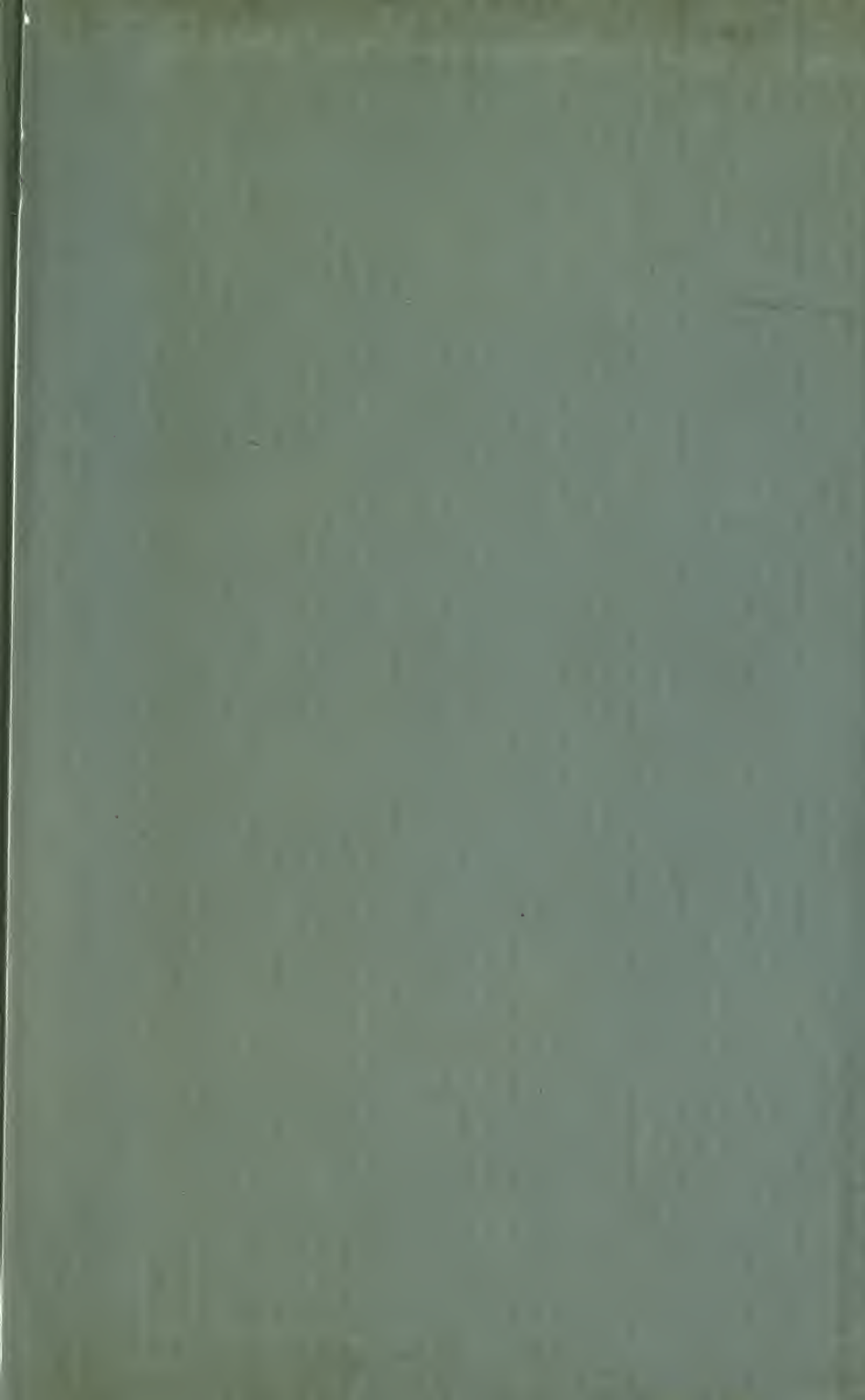












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